

SB 606 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 4/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Department of Education to conduct study on the effectiveness of statewide standardized tests. Requires report to Legislative Assembly by September 1, 2021. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Federal law establishes a requirement that states assess students annually in grades three through eight and once in high school in both mathematics and English language arts, and that states assess students periodically in science and social studies. The U.S. Department of Education allows states to allow students and families to opt out of assessments, but requires a 95 percent participation rate. Senate Bill 606 requires the Oregon Department of Education to study the statewide assessments to determine if they have improved the quality of education in Oregon.