

HB 3183 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts to provide information about relevant services and placements offered by the school district, regional programs, and the Oregon School for the Deaf when developing, reviewing, or revising an individualized education program (IEP) or 504 Plan for a child who is deaf or deafblind or who is hard of hearing. Requires that school districts ensure a representative of the Oregon School for the Deaf is present for any meetings to develop, review, or revise an IEP or a 504 Plan.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Experiences of deaf and hard of hearing students
- Services provided by Oregon School for the Deaf

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure. Requires State Board of Education to establish by rule that whenever an individualized family service plan or individualized education program is developed, revised, or reviewed for a child who is deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing, the parents must be provided information about relevant services and placements offered by the school district, the education service district, regional programs, and the Oregon School for the Deaf.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon School for the Deaf (OSD) was established at its current location in 1911. It currently services children from kindergarten through age 21 who are eligible for special education in Oregon because of a hearing impairment. OSD has residence halls for children whose families live too far away for daily commuting.

The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires a team to meet each year to consider the placement options available to the student. House Bill 3183 requires that parents be provided with information about the Oregon School for the Deaf as well as services offered by the school district, education service district, and regional programs at each qualifying student's annual meeting.