HB 2408 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education to study how to best meet students' behavioral health needs. Establishes reporting requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Behavioral health needs of students in Oregon's K-12 system
- Efforts to meet students' behavioral health needs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces the measure. Requires Southern Oregon University to develop student behavioral health credentialing pilot program. Establishes program requirements and financing. Appropriates \$100,000 from General Fund for pilot program. Declares emergency effective July 1, 2021.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3427 (2019), the Student Success Act, enacted a corporate activity tax and directed the resulting revenue into the Fund for Student Success. In order to access the new funding, school districts were required to submit a plan for addressing certain student outcomes. As part of the planning process, districts were required to consider how to meet students' mental and behavioral health needs. House Bill 2408 requires the Oregon Department of Education to study how to best meet students' behavioral health needs.