

SB 702 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 5/20, 5/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires State Board of Education to review social studies standards by December 31, 2025. Establishes consultation requirements and considerations.

Senate vote: Passed. Ayes, 21; Nays, 5--Girod, Linthicum, Robinson, Thatcher, Thomsen; Excused, 4--Boquist, Findley, Heard, Kennemer.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of promoting civic engagement in education
- Relationship with other pending legislation
- Evolution of social studies curricula
- Collaborative consultation of social studies content standards
- Inclusion of indigenous peoples' history

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, Oregon's content standards for K-12 schools are reviewed on a rotating basis by the State Board of Education.

Senate Bill 702 B requires the State Board of Education to review the social studies standards by December 31, 2025 and establishes consultation requirements and considerations.