SB 328 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/03/21

Action: Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Gorsek, Thomsen

Nays: 1 - Robinson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued **Revenue:** No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/24, 3/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Department of Education to make annual school district and school performance reports in a format in which data can be sorted to allow school districts and schools to be compared with one another. Requires annual school district and school performance reports to include data on suspensions and expulsions broken down by grade, race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, and status as economically disadvantaged. Requires data must be made available as percentages for each demographic group as compared to total percentages for the district or school.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Experiences of students subjected to exclusionary discipline
- Parents' and community members' frustrations accessing information

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) makes annual school district and school performance reports available as individual portable document format (PDF) files for each district and school. ODE publishes data on suspensions and expulsions at the district level, but not for individual schools. Senate Bill 328 requires ODE to add suspension and expulsion data to the annual district and school performance reports and to make those reports available in a format that is sortable and comparable.