

SB 702 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelser

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/29/21

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 3-2-0-0

Yeas: 3 - Dembrow, Gelser, Gorsek

Nays: 2 - Robinson, Thomsen

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/10, 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Social studies courses offered to students
- Limitations and gaps in material covered
- Importance of teaching social studies and civics

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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