

HB 2962 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/30/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-1-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Hudson, Neron, Owens, Reardon, Ruiz, Sollman, Weber, Wright

Exc: 1 - Smith DB

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/23, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Legislative Policy and Research Office to conduct study to collect and interpret data to enable legislators to understand students' instructional needs caused by school closures. Establishes requirements of study and due date of February 1, 2022. Repealed June 30, 2022.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to determine impact of COVID-19 on learning outcomes
- Role of Legislative Policy and Research Office

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

On March 12, 2020 Governor Brown directed public schools to remain closed throughout Oregon beginning on March 16, 2020. Schools offered distance learning to students throughout the spring of 2020 and for much of the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the state of emergency, the Governor waived or modified many requirements for school districts. *Ready Schools, Safe Learners* guidance published by the Oregon Department of Education detailed the modifications that schools were required to make to their instructional programs and health and safety protocols for the 2020-2021 school year. On March 12, 2021 Governor Brown issued an executive order requiring schools to return to in-person or hybrid instruction by April 19, 2021. House Bill 2962 A requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study the impact of school closures by considering multiple data sources.