

SB 732 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/12/21

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: 3/17, 4/5, 4/7, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires establishment of educational equity advisory committee in each school district to advise school district board and superintendent about the educational equity impacts of policy decisions and to inform district leaders when situations arise that negatively impact underrepresented students. Prescribes duties and responsibilities of committees. Establishes membership selection process for committees. Requires school districts to convene equity advisory committees by September 15, 2022 unless district has average daily membership under 10,000. Requires districts with average daily membership under 10,000 to convene equity advisory committees by September 15, 2025. Requires involvement of equity advisory committees in creation of district continuous improvement plans and district budgets.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Equity advisory committee in Lake Oswego school district
- Provisions of amendment
- Benefits to students, staff, and community

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Modifies membership requirements and duties of equity advisory committees. Makes reports optional. Removes public meetings requirement. Modifies requirement for participation in budget process.

BACKGROUND:

Some districts in Oregon have voluntarily created equity advisory committees to advise district leaders on issues of educational equity for underrepresented students. Senate Bill 732 A requires every school district to establish such a committee.