

HB 2166 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/13/21

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Rules.

Vote: 9-0-1-0

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

Exc: 1 - Ruiz

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/23, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene advisory group to review equity in education system. Establishes reporting requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Early childhood suspensions and expulsions
- Diversity of educator workforce
- Social emotional learning standards
- Educator Advancement Council

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Governor Brown convened a Racial Justice Council (RJC) in September 2020 to recommend changes to policy and long-term strategies to align with the administration's racial justice and equity goals. House Bill 2166 represents the vehicle for RJC's policy recommendations related to education. The measure requires an equity-based review of Oregon's education system.