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Carrier: Rep. Neron

SB 744 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**House Committee On Education****Action Date:** 05/27/21**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)**Vote:** 6-4-0-0**Yeas:** 6 - Alonso Leon, Hudson, Neron, Reardon, Ruiz, Sollman**Nays:** 4 - Owens, Smith DB, Weber, Wright**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 5/13, 5/25, 5/27**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Department of Education to review high school graduation requirements for all high school diploma options. Establishes criteria and requirements for review. Suspends essential learning skills graduation requirement for 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school years. Requires submission of report and recommendations to legislative committees by September 1, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- High school graduation requirements
- History of essential learning skills requirement
- Necessity for holistic review

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes prohibition on State Board of Education requiring students who successfully complete credit requirements to show proficiency in any other skill or academic content area. Extends suspension of essential learning skills requirement to the 2023-2024 school year. Adds requirement that Department of Education review essential learning skills requirement and means by which students demonstrate proficiency.

BACKGROUND:

State law currently establishes only a portion of the requirements for a high school diploma (math and English language arts credits). The remaining credit requirements, along with additional requirements such as demonstrated proficiency in nine essential skills, education plans, and education profiles, are codified in Oregon Administrative Rule 581-022-2000.

Senate Bill 744 B requires the Department of Education to review high school graduation requirements, requires a report to the legislature on the results of the review, and suspends essential learning skills requirements for three school years.