

HB 2656 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts to ensure that students participate in survey administered by Oregon Department of Education (ODE) on education experiences as well as survey administered by Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in collaboration with ODE, to improve the health and well-being of students. Requires State Board of Education to adopt survey participation benchmarks in rule. Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene advisory committee on expansion or revision of education accountability framework.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Establishes operative date of July 1, 2024 for requirement that school districts ensure student participation in climate and health surveys. Modifies advisory committee review of education accountability framework and requires that review include climate and health surveys and survey participation rates.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) conducts a biennial Student Health Survey (SHS) of 6th, 8th, and 11th graders in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Education. The SHS is one of two surveys that school districts are required to participate in under HB 2656.

A February 2022 report on the LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Plan from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) notes that the state does not currently have "a statewide school climate survey to assess youth experiences and well-being at school," and instead relies on national surveys with state-specific data. The report includes development of a statewide school climate survey in its recommendations.

HB 2656 requires school districts to ensure their students' participation in statewide health and climate surveys and requires the governor to convene an advisory committee on accountability in Oregon's K-12 education system.