

HB 3288 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt uniform standards for collection of data on race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Requires SBE to review and update standards once every two years. Requires that standards should ensure alignment with federal reporting requirements and alignment with standards adopted by the Oregon Health Authority, and that both OHA and an advisory should be consulted. Requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to use standards in surveys and in programs in which either it or school districts collect, record, or report demographic data. Requires school districts to ensure that demographic data be made available in multiple languages while protecting student privacy. Requires ODE to provide guidance and training to school districts. Requires SBE to appoint an advisory committee. Establishes committee membership requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of accurate data
- Variances in data collected by schools and districts

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Requires State Board of Education to adopt uniform standards for collection of data on race, ethnicity, and preferred languages for public school students in grades K through 12. Requires SBE to review and update standards every two years. Requires standards to align with federal reporting requirements. Requires consultation with Oregon Health Authority to ensure alignment with OHA standards. Requires consultation with representatives from tribal governments. Requires SBE to convene advisory committee. Establishes membership requirements. Requires consultation to begin by March 15, 2025. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop plan for implementation of standards by school districts. Establishes plan requirements, including statewide needs assessment, statewide implementation strategy, recommendations for public availability and compliance, and report to legislature. Requires school district implementation by July 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Student demographic data is collected at the school and district level, flows to the Oregon Department of Education, and from there to the U.S. Department of Education for required federal reporting. Demographic data is tied to information such as graduation rate or proficiency on standardized tests to show disparities in how the K-12 system serves particular groups of students. Demographic data may also be tied to survey results to show which groups of students are most impacted by public health issues, for example.

At the federal level, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is responsible for the standards that govern the collection and use of federal data on race and ethnicity. Federal reporting generally uses the following race/ethnicity categories: American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Multi-Racial, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and White.

House Bill 3288 requires uniform data collection on race/ethnicity, written and spoken language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.