

HB 3031 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/6, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to study matters related to ventilation and energy efficiency in schools. Requires ODE to report findings and possible recommendations to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Resources to pay for inspections and services
- Cost of upgrades in rural schools

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Classroom ventilation gained national prominence as an issue during the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective ventilation can, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, minimize viral transmissions in schools. Research conducted by [The Oregonian/OregonLive in May, 2022](#) found that one-quarter of classrooms in Portland Public Schools did not meet minimum recommendations for ventilation established by Harvard University and other organizations concerned with air quality.

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