

HB 2656 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/27/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 4-2-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Hudson, Neron, Valderrama, Wright

Nays: 2 - Cramer, McIntire

Exc: 1 - Nguyen H

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/8, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts to make available specified surveys administered by Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority. Requires school districts to provide notice and opportunity to review survey to parents or guardians at least five days prior to administration. Permits parents or guardians as well as students to decline participation in survey. Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene advisory committee on expansion or revision of education accountability framework.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Possible parental concerns and ability to opt out of survey
- Ability to measure educational experience and outcomes beyond test scores

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) currently conducts a biennial [Student Health Survey \(SHS\)](#) of 6th, 8th, and 11th graders in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). ODE conducted its second pilot [Student Educational Equity Development \(SEED\)](#) Survey to measure the educational experiences of students in the 2021-2022 school year.

The [LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Plan](#) from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), revised February 2022, 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.

House Bill 2656 A requires school districts to ensure their students' participation in statewide health and climate surveys and requires the Governor (Superintendent of Public Instruction) to convene an advisory committee on accountability in Oregon's K-12 education system.