

SB 3 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/30/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Anderson, Dembrow, Frederick, Gelser Blouin, President Wagner, Weber

Nays: 1 - Robinson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/28, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds requirement of one half-credit of higher education and career path skills and one half-credit of personal financial education to statutory coursework requirements for regular high school diploma beginning January 1, 2027. Allows school district, public charter school, or education service district to request waiver of credit requirements if it demonstrates that it is unable to provide the necessary courses. Allows waivers for one year only. Defines higher education and career path skills as well as personal financial education for purpose of establishing content standards. Adds higher education and career path skills and personal financial education to required subjects for academic content standards. Repeals statutory provision encouraging school districts and public charter schools to offer courses in civics and financial literacy.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for personal financial literacy education
- Need for future planning education
- Benefits to students and state

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 744, enacted in 2021, required the Oregon Department of Education to study high school graduation requirements and make recommendations for any possible changes. That [report](#), issued on September 1, 2022, recommended adding a future planning credit requirement for high school graduation. Senate Bill 3 A adds a half-credit higher education and career path skills requirement and a half-credit personal financial education requirement to the statutory list of credits required for high school graduation.