

HB 3288 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/03/23

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

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Nguyen H, Valderrama, Wright

Nays: 1 - Cramer

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/8, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires State Board of Education (SBE) 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 (OHA) 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 Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Requires school district implementation by July 1, 2026.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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. For example, demographic data may be tied to survey results to show which groups of students are most impacted by public health issues.

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 and ethnicity categories: American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Multi-Racial, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and White.

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