

SB 1050 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/04/23

Action: Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

Vote: 6-1-0-0

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

Nays: 1 - Robinson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/30, 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends implementation date of requirement for academic content standards related to Holocaust and genocide studies by one year to align with implementation date of content standards for ethnic studies. Allows school districts to offer related instruction prior to implementation date. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to provide professional development relating to Holocaust and genocide studies in addition to ethnic studies. Requires ODE to ensure that school districts are able to offer instruction that meets both sets of content standards by the 2026-2027 school year. Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules establishing standards and criteria for professional development related to Holocaust and genocide studies and ethnic studies content standards.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Adoption of ethnic studies and Holocaust and genocide studies standards
- Need for professional development
- Need for alignment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Legislation requiring the State Board of Education to establish content standards for ethnic studies and Holocaust and genocide studies was enacted in 2019, in House Bill 2023 and Senate Bill 664, respectively. Senate Bill 1050 aligns the implementation date for both sets of standards and adds a requirement for ODE to provide professional development related to Holocaust and genocide studies to the existing requirement for professional development related to ethnic studies.