

House Bill 3071

Sponsored by Representative CATE; Representative RUIZ

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to study effects of social media and cell phone use among youth. Directs authority to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health not later than March 15, 2024.

Directs authority to develop and maintain educational resources to assist public with issues associated with excessive use of social media and cell phones.

Directs Department of Education to collect data on school cell phone use policies and produce manual of best practices for school cell phone use policies.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to use of technology by youth; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. The Oregon Health Authority shall study the effects of social media and cell**
5 **phone use among youth. The authority shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS**
6 **192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the**
7 **Legislative Assembly related to health no later than March 15, 2024.**

8 **SECTION 2. The Oregon Health Authority shall develop and maintain educational re-**
9 **sources to assist the public with issues associated with excessive use of social media and cell**
10 **phones.**

11 **SECTION 3. (1) The Department of Education shall collect data from schools regarding**
12 **cell phone use policies.**

13 **(2) The department shall develop and publish a manual of best practices for school cell**
14 **phone use policies supported by positive educational outcomes in schools.**

15 **SECTION 4. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.**

16 **SECTION 5. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
17 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
18 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.