

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **SB 3**

#### **Relating to diploma requirements**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Education Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Dembrow

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SB 3 requires students to complete one half-credit of higher education and career path skills and one half-credit of personal financial education to obtain their high school diplomas. The State Board of Education must adopt academic content standards for these new credit requirements. The measure also repeals a statutory provision that encourages school districts and public charter schools to offer courses in civics and financial literacy. The measure takes effect on January 1, 2024, and it applies to high school diplomas awarded on or after January 1, 2027. School districts may request a waiver of the new credit requirements if they are unable to provide the necessary courses due to a lack of qualified educators. A waiver is valid for one school year only, after which the new academic content standards apply to high school diplomas awarded on or after January 1, 2028.

The –A5 amendment appropriates \$426,367 General Fund to the Oregon Department of Education for developing academic content standards. To that end, the department plans to form a 20-member content panel and a 10-member instructional materials panel; enter a professional services contract to develop and design instructional materials; and hire one permanent, full-time position, equivalent to 0.92 FTE.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 3 be amended by the –A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.