

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2656

Relating to improvements in student success

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

HB 2656 requires school districts to provide two annual informational surveys to students: one administered by the Oregon Department of Education, and one administered by the Oregon Health Authority. At least five days prior to administration, school districts must provide notice and an opportunity to review the surveys to the parents or guardians of the students to whom the surveys will be administered. Parents or guardians may decline, either verbally or in writing, to have their children participate. Students, likewise, may decline to participate in the surveys or answer specific questions, either verbally or in writing. The Superintendent of Public Instruction must convene an advisory committee to explore options for expanding or revising the education accountability framework in this state. The measure takes effect on January 1, 2024.

The measure appropriates a total of \$1,459,102 General Fund, in two separate appropriations, to the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Health Authority. This includes \$488,763 General Fund to the department to administer the survey, convene an advisory committee, and hire two permanent positions, equivalent to 1.78 FTE; and \$970,339 General Fund to the authority to retain a survey contractor, conduct outreach and recruitment at school districts, develop and maintain survey results and reports, and hire three permanent positions, equivalent to 1.88 FTE.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2656 be amended by the –A6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.