

HB 4137 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure exempts students who have completed International Baccalaureate diplomas from some statutory diploma requirements.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Detailed Summary

Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules allowing International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma completers to satisfy credit requirements in Oregon law or administrative rule. Establishes minimum requirements for credits to be waived, including that the student has satisfied all IB requirements as well as any other IB requirements in administrative rule. Allows flexibility on who may grade assessments or examinations solely for the purpose of satisfying graduation requirements. Requires school districts and public charter schools making their own graduation requirements to attempt not to discourage participation in IB programs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1968, the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), located in Geneva, Switzerland, established an educational program to provide the children of diplomats with a common curriculum that would be recognized as these students moved across international borders. Today, the IB program has expanded to the general student population and provides a curriculum based on international standards to more than 4,000 schools worldwide. Currently, students who are working toward an IB diploma must also complete all state and local diploma requirements.