

HB 2670 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure modifies the definition of traumatic brain injury to include those injuries caused by both internal and external sources. The measure also requires the Department of Human Services to provide certain brain injury-related services to children who qualify for early intervention services or special education and related services in the same way that it does for others.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The [Oregon Department of Education](#) defines traumatic brain injury as “an acquired injury to the brain caused by an external force,” and does not include “brain injuries that are congenital or degenerative, or brain injuries induced by birth trauma.” The State Board has adopted eligibility rules in [OAR 581-015-2175](#). [ODE's most recent annual report](#) indicates that in the 2023-2024 school year, 326 students received special education services due to a traumatic brain injury.

Senate Bill 420 (2023) required the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide service coordination, resource navigation, advocacy, and options counseling to individuals with brain injuries.