

HB 4154 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Weber

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/26/26

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Frederick, Neron Misslin, Robinson, Sollman, Weber

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/24, 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to use existing average daily membership (ADM) reports to publish quarterly attendance data beginning in the 2026–2027 school year. The measure declares an emergency, effective on its passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The combination of fewer school days and high rates of absenteeism in Oregon
- Purpose and use of quarterly reports
- Progress toward more frequent data reporting
- Availability of data from past years
- Trends in chronic absenteeism
- Provisions of House Bill 2508 (2025)

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

For ADM calculations, school districts report [cumulative membership data](#) four times per year. ODE’s annual [Attendance and Absenteeism](#) report is currently generated from the data reported by school districts in the third reporting period, which ends in May of each year. Membership reports are primarily used in allocating money from the State School Fund; data from the second reporting period and the annual cumulative report produce State School Fund estimates and final calculations, respectively.

In the 2024–2025 school year, ODE reported that 33.5 percent of all students were chronically absent, meaning they were absent for 10 percent or more of school days. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, for the 2018–2019 school year, ODE reported that 20.4 percent of all students were chronically absent.

Reporting attendance data quarterly was one of the recommendations of the 2023–2025 [chronic absenteeism interim workgroup](#) led by Rep. Hoa Nguyen and Sen. Suzanne Weber. House Bill 3199 (2025) required the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study statewide attendance initiatives and attendance data and submit a report by September 30, 2026. It also required ODE to convene an advisory committee by May 31, 2026, and submit a final report, including policy recommendations, to the State Board of Education by February 15, 2027.