

# Senate Bill 1554

Sponsored by Senator VERGER; Senators ATKINSON, BOQUIST, JOHNSON, WINTERS, Representatives CLEM, KRIEGER, ROBLAN (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires instruction in Oregon Studies in middle school.  
Takes effect July 1, 2013.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to required courses of instruction; creating new provisions; amending ORS 336.057; and  
3 prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.057 is amended to read:

6 336.057. In all public schools, courses of instruction shall be given in:

7 (1) The Constitution of the United States and *[in]* the history of the United States. *[These]*

8 Courses **required by this subsection** shall:

9 *[(1)]* (a) *[Begin not later than the opening of]* **Be provided in** the eighth grade and *[shall]* con-  
10 tinue in grades 9 through 12.

11 *[(2)]* (b) Be required in all public universities listed in ORS 352.002, except the Oregon Health  
12 and Science University, and in all state and local institutions that provide education for patients  
13 or inmates to an extent to be determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

14 (2) **Oregon Studies, as defined in ORS 329.007 and developed under ORS 329.492. The**  
15 **course required by this subsection shall be provided:**

16 (a) **For a minimum of two semesters, or the equivalent of two semesters; and**

17 (b) **In grade six, seven or eight, as determined by the State Board of Education.**

18 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 336.057 by section 1 of this 2012 Act first apply to**  
19 **the 2013-2014 school year.**

20 **SECTION 3. This 2012 Act takes effect July 1, 2013.**  
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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.