

SB 13 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/16/17

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Gelser, Kruse, Linthicum, Roblan

Exc: 1 - Hass

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop a curriculum for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade relating to the Native American experience in Oregon, make the curriculum available to school districts, and provide professional development to teachers and administrators. Establishes content requirements for the curriculum and requires implementation in the 2019-20 school year. Requires ODE to report on the status each October, from 2018 to 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Experiences of tribal educators, students and parents
- Tribal history
- Lack of cooperation from local school districts
- Benefits to students, both native and non-native

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current state content standards require students in fourth grade to study Oregon's Native American communities. Social Studies standard 4.1 requires students to "identify and describe historic Native American Indian groups that lived in Oregon prior to contact with Europeans and at the time of early European exploration, including ways these groups adapted to and interacted with the physical environment." Standard 4.9 requires students to "explain the influence of Oregon and the Northwest's physical systems on humans, including Native Americans."