

SB 584 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Education to establish and maintain the Statewide School Safety and Prevention System. Establishes program requirements. Requires school safety assessment teams be made available to school districts to assist with students who are engaged in violent behavior or pose a threat to others. Establishes requirements for teams and school safety and prevention specialists. Directs the State Board of Education (SBE), in consultation with stakeholders, to adopt rules to implement the system. Appropriates \$3.87 million to establish and maintain the Statewide School Safety and Prevention System.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, the legislature created the Task Force on School Safety. The task force includes representatives from police and fire departments, schools, and community mental health programs, as well as elected officials. The legislature directed the task force to develop a proposal for creating a database of school floor plans and to examine models for training programs, school safety, and incident response protocols. The bill includes a proposal from the Task Force on School Safety to establish a statewide school safety and prevention system that focuses on safety threats to students, including bullying, harassment, physical violence, and suicide.