

**SB 575 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Education**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires evaluation for special education services to include a vision examination. Applies to evaluations conducted on or after January 1, 2020.

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

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In the 2017-2018 school year, Oregon school districts provided special education services to 78,867 students, representing 13.6 percent of total enrollment. Oregon law requires school districts to ensure that an evaluation is conducted to determine if a child is eligible for special education services. Under current law, the evaluation may include a vision examination by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist. Senate Bill 585 requires all evaluations to include a vision exam.