SB 1017 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires State Fire Marshall to adopt rules to establish minimum standards for carbon monoxide alarms in school facilities that have a carbon monoxide source and were not subject to state building code requirements at the time of construction. Directs State Fire Marshall to consider state building code requirements and any standards adopted by national safety organizations during rulemaking process. Requires State Fire Marshall to adopt rules no later than January 1, 2020. Requires school districts and public charter school to comply with rules no later than July 1, 2020. Permits State Fire Marshall to provide an extension for compliance, as specified. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon public schools serve approximately 581,000 students in 197 school districts. Oregon law requires school districts to develop and adopt a Healthy and Safe Schools Plan. The plan must address environmental conditions at the facilities owned or leased by the district or school where students or staff are present on a regular basis and include provisions for installing carbon monoxide alarms near fuel burning appliances that emit carbon monoxide, if installation is required under the state building code. Oregon law requires carbon monoxide alarms in homes, dwellings, and other places people sleep, such as hotels. Common sources of carbon monoxide are attached garages and heaters, fireplaces, and appliances that uses coal, kerosene, petroleum products, wood or other fuels. Senate Bill 1017 requires all public schools that have fuel burning appliances to install alarms as required by the State Fire Marshall and their Healthy and Safe Schools Plan.