

HB 2023 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/11, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs district school boards, State Board of Education, and committees or officers responsible for adoption of textbooks and other instructional materials to ensure academic content standards for history, geography, economics, and civics include instruction on the histories, contributions and perspectives of individuals who are Native American, African, Asian, Pacific Island, Chicano, Latino or Middle Eastern descent; women; are disabled; immigrants or refugees; are lesbian, gay bisexual or transgender. Requires the State Board of Education review existing academic content standards to determine if academic content standards comply with Common Curriculum Goals, performance indicators, and diploma requirements no later than September 15, 2020 and effective during the 2021-2022 school year. Requires textbooks and instructional materials address the roles and contributions to Oregon by men and women, as specified. Requires ODE provide professional development to teachers and administrators relating to academic content standards during 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. Effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interest in materials reflecting background of student populations
- Challenge in instructional materials reflecting current population in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes effective date for State Board of Education. Requires State Board of Education review existing academic content standards to determine compliance with ORS 329.045, as amended. Changes operative date to from January 1, 2020 to September 30, 2026. Changes dates for required professional development from 2020-2021 to 2026-2027, and 2021-2022 to 2027-2028.

BACKGROUND:

Other states, such as California, are reviewing whether their K-12 textbooks adequately reflect the histories and contributions of different minority groups. The California Department of Education published the new History-Social Science Framework for grades K-12 and it was adopted by the California State Board of Education on July 14, 2018. The updated history provides more detail on Latinos, Filipinos, the United Farm Workers movement, Californian Indians, Chinese and Japanese immigrants, and the challenges these groups faced before and after World War II.

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