

HB 2941 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Student Success

Meeting Dates: 3/20, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to require each mental health provider preparation program to prepare a plan for the recruitment, admission, retention and graduation of mental health providers. Defines mental health provider as psychologist, clinical social worker, and professional counselor or marriage and family therapist. Amends annual plan developed by Chief Education Office and HECC to recruit diverse educators and include mental health providers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Chief Education Office in collaboration with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission have an Oregon Education Equity Advisory Group that provides recommendations on ways to diversify the educator workforce. The latest report was published in July, 2018.