

## **HB 2023 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Education**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/1

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs State Board of Education (SBE) to ensure that 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; immigrants or refugees; lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender; or have disabilities. Requires SBE to align existing content standards with new requirements by September 30, 2024. Requires school districts to provide instruction that meets new content standards no later than 2026-2027 school year. Beginning on September 30, 2026, directs district school boards, SBE, committees or officers to adopt textbooks and other instructional materials that adequately address the roles in and contributions to the economic, political, and social development of Oregon and the United States by men and women who are Native American; European, African, Asian, Pacific Island, Chicano, Latino or Middle Eastern descent; immigrants or refugees; lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender; or have disabilities. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to provide professional development to teachers and administrators related to new requirements for content standards and textbook selection during the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. Permits ODE to contract for the provision of professional development.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2017, the legislature passed House Bill 2845 that required SBE to adopt ethnic studies standards into existing statewide social studies standards for public school students. House Bill 2023 A requires SBE to ensure academic content standards include sufficient instruction on histories, contributions, and perspectives of certain classification of individuals. The bill also requires the SBE and school districts and to ensure that instruction, textbooks, instructional materials meet the new standards by the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. The measure's operative dates align with the regular adoption cycle for standards, textbooks, and materials established by the State Board of Education.