

HB 2021 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/01/19

Action: Do pass and be referred to Student Success by prior reference

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Neron, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman, Wallan

Exc: 1 - Hernandez

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/4, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to provide money for education of students in eligible residential alternative education programs. Directs ODE to provide money to districts in which eligible residential alternative education programs are located. Allows school districts to keep portion of money as established in contract with alternative education programs. Defines eligible alternative education program, residential alternative education program, and student. Requires ODE provide money for programs. Requires ODE receive from State School Fund amount equal to average net operating expenditure per student of all districts during preceding school year, and number of slots available for all students in eligible residential alternative education programs. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interest in reflecting accurate graduation rate for all Bend-LaPine School District
- Work of students in Oregon Youth Challenge program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Youth Challenge (OYC) is a private alternative education program in the Bend-LaPine School District for students that are failing, not attending, or dropped out of school. Students in attendance at OYC are counted as part of the Bend-LaPine School District, and the district is required to count students exceeding four years of school as non-completers. This affects the four-year graduation rate for the school district. House Bill 2021 establishes a funding mechanism for OYC and establishes a unique school ID number, which means the residency of students is no longer attributed to the school district.