

HB 3409 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Bynum

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 04/08/19

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Boles, Holvey, Nosse, Smith Warner, Sprenger, Williamson, Wilson

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/3, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Conditions ability of school district becoming member of interscholastic organization on organization's implementation of complaint process addressing use of derogatory or inappropriate names at interscholastic activity. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Policies promoting equality, dignity, and civil rights
- Consistent standards across all interscholastic activities
- Recent incidents of racism

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, a school board may authorize a school district to be a member of, and pay fees to, any voluntary organization that administers or facilitates interscholastic activities. As one example, the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) is a non-profit entity dedicated to ensuring equitable competition for high school students. The OSAA has 291 member schools and sponsors 118 state championships for students competing in 19 interscholastic activities, ranging from traditional sporting events to orchestra and speech competitions.