

HB 4132 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/3, 2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to administer and collect data from student health surveys of adolescents that assess physical, mental, emotional and social factors impacting health, well-being, educational achievement. Requires OHA create reports for counties and the State of Oregon based on survey data. Defines adolescent as a person who is at least 10 years old and not older than 19 years. Requires OHA to consult with Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to convene a student health survey planning committee; engage adolescents in survey creation; and consult with teachers, administrators, and youth-related organizations and the Oregon tribes to improve surveys. Appropriates money from the General Fund to OHA for the June 30, 2021 biennium. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Codifying survey process and planning
- History of state funded and administered survey
- Engagement with the Oregon Department of Education in survey
- Concern with privacy and ensuring parental input

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Changes maximum survey range from 19 years of age to 21. Requires the reports be made available to the public. Allows Oregon Healthy Authority (OHA) to develop plan for distribution of survey data and reports responsive to the cultural needs of communities. Requires OHA submit report to the committee or interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than June 30 of each odd-numbered year. Details contents of report.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Healthy Teens is an anonymous and voluntary statewide research-based survey for 8th and 11th graders. The survey includes topics such as tobacco and alcohol usage, access to tobacco and alcohol, personal safety behaviors, diet and exercise, extracurricular activities, sexual activity and knowledge of HIV/AIDs etc. The survey is entirely anonymous and teens are not asked for their names; however, parental consent is required.