

SB 736 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Restorative Justice. Establishes membership requirements. Requires task force to make recommendations to legislature to reduce exclusionary discipline in schools, reduce juvenile incarceration, and reduce racial disparities in education and juvenile justice. Establishes reporting and staffing requirements.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon has historically had high rates of youth incarceration compared to other states. Disparities in school discipline exist for students of color as well as students with disabilities. In Colorado, establishment of a statewide Restorative Justice Council governing restorative practices in schools and in the juvenile justice system has led to improved outcomes for students. Senate Bill 736 establishes a task force to study the issue and make recommendations to the legislature for establishment of a similar system in Oregon.