

HB 3363 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes a Racial Equity and Justice Student Council. Establishes membership requirements, duties, and meeting requirements. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to provide staff support. Appropriates \$1 million General Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Requires Department of Education to establish a work group to establish standards for selecting members of Racial Equity and Justice Student Collaborative. Establishes work group membership requirements, duties, and meeting requirements. Establishes Racial Equity and Justice Student Collaborative. Establishes membership requirements for Collaborative. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to ensure that each member of the Collaborative has a mentor, access to counseling, access to tutoring, opportunity to provide peer support, sufficient support to enable participation, and resources to reimburse adults who provide transportation or other support. Establishes duties of Collaborative and related meeting and reporting requirements. Requires ODE to provide staff support to Collaborative. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

In the summer of 2020, the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) invited students of color to share their experiences of racism in Oregon schools with district and school administrators. During the open Zoom meeting, an intruder disrupted the event, using a red digital marker to cross out the photos of the student presenters. After this event, COSA, along with REAP Inc, the Oregon Association of Student Councils, and the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators worked to address the students' concerns. These organizations worked with students and educators to draft House Bill 3363 and its -1 amendment, which establishes a Racial Equity and Justice Student Collaborative to help student leaders shape Oregon's education system.