

SB 596 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits State Board of Education from developing or requiring school districts to administer commercially developed assessments to students enrolled in prekindergarten through second grade. Prohibits school districts from administering commercially developed assessments to students enrolled in prekindergarten through second grade. Provides exception for assessments used for diagnostic purposes.

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:

Federal law establishes a requirement that states assess students annually in grades three through eight and once in high school in both mathematics and English language arts, and that states assess students periodically in science and social studies. Oregon administers an assessment for kindergarten readiness. Senate Bill 596 prohibits the administration of standardized assessments to students in prekindergarten through grade two.