

SB 617 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires State Board of Education to ensure that academic content standards for certain subjects include instructions related to African Americans. Requires the State Board of Education to ensure that academic content standards for English include literary contributions by African American authors to be covered in middle and high school. Requires that textbooks and other instructional materials address the contributions of African Americans.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Requires Oregon Department of Education to develop curriculum relating to the histories, contributions, and perspectives of Blacks and African Americans to be implemented by 2023-2024 school year. Establishes parameters for curriculum. Requires ODE to provide technical assistance in provision of the curriculum, including professional development. Appropriates \$8 million to ODE for professional development and curriculum development. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND: