

HB 2570 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/09/21

Action: Do pass. Refer to Ways and Means.

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Hudson, Neron, Owens, Reardon, Ruiz, Smith DB, Sollman, Weber, Wright

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/9, 3/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education, in consultation with STEM Investment Council, to develop strategic plan for providing computer science education to every student by the 2026-2027 school year. Establishes plan requirements. Names organizations and groups with which the department must consult. Establishes reporting requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lack of computer science courses in Oregon schools
- Importance of computer science education

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon currently has no requirement that school districts offer computer science to students.

House Bill 2570 requires the establishment of a strategic plan to provide every student in Oregon with computer science education by the 2026-2027 school year.