

HB 2368 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/30/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-1-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Hudson, Neron, Owens, Reardon, Ruiz, Sollman, Weber, Wright

Exc: 1 - Smith DB

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/9, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority to establish pilot program using culturally responsive trauma-informed approaches to support student mental and behavioral health. Establishes program requirements. Requires pilot program distribute funding to two school districts, two education service districts, and two community or culturally specific organizations. Establishes application process and requirements. Establishes application review criteria. Establishes reporting requirements. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effects of trauma on children
- Value of trauma-informed approaches

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4002 (2016) established a trauma-informed pilot program for the purpose of reducing chronic absenteeism. The measure appropriated \$500,000, which was later awarded to pilot trauma-informed approaches in two schools: Tigard High School in the Tigard-Tualatin School District and Central High School in the Central School District. Funding for the pilot was continued by the legislature in 2017. Findings were published in 2019. Among the key findings were the following: trauma-informed school coordinators played a key role in guiding the work and leading implementation efforts; cohorts served to promote readiness and guide schools in implementation; staff training is required to introduce new concepts and increase awareness of trauma-informed practices; and staff members' self-reported awareness of specific strategies and their usage did not necessarily match. House Bill 2368 A establishes a new, culturally responsive trauma-informed pilot program.