

HB 2408 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/08/21

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

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: 3/9, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Southern Oregon University to develop student behavioral health credentialing pilot program. Establishes program requirements and financing. Appropriates \$100,000 from General Fund for pilot program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Behavioral health needs of students in Oregon's K-12 system
- Efforts to meet students' behavioral health needs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3427 (2019), the Student Success Act, enacted a corporate activity tax and directed the resulting revenue into the Fund for Student Success. In order to access the new funding, school districts were required to submit a plan for addressing certain student outcomes. As part of the planning process, districts were required to consider how to meet students' mental and behavioral health needs. House Bill 2408 A requires Southern Oregon University to establish a student behavioral health credentialing pilot program.