

SB 732 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Ruiz

House Committee On Education**Action Date:** 05/27/21**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)**Vote:** 6-4-0-0**Yeas:** 6 - Alonso Leon, Hudson, Neron, Reardon, Ruiz, Sollman**Nays:** 4 - Owens, Smith DB, Weber, Wright**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 5/25, 5/27**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires establishment of educational equity advisory committee in each school district to advise school district board and superintendent about the educational equity impacts of policy decisions and to inform district leaders when situations arise that negatively impact underrepresented students. Prescribes duties and responsibilities of committees. Establishes membership selection process for committees. Requires school districts to convene equity advisory committees by September 15, 2022 unless district has average daily membership under 10,000. Requires districts with average daily membership under 10,000 to convene equity advisory committees by September 15, 2025. Requires involvement of equity advisory committees in creation of district continuous improvement plans and district budgets.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Equity advisory committee in Lake Oswego school district
- Provisions of amendment
- Benefits to students, staff, and community

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds school district board as appointing authority for equity advisory committee members.

BACKGROUND:

Some districts in Oregon have voluntarily created equity advisory committees to advise district leaders on issues of educational equity for underrepresented students. In the Lake Oswego School District, the Diversity Equity Inclusion Advisory Committee was established to "analyze the inclusion, equity, and access needs of the district and make recommendations to the Lake Oswego School Board" (Lake Oswego School District DEI Advisory Committee Charter, January 5, 2020). The committee also works on community engagement, provides feedback and recommendations to district leaders, raises awareness of issues, promotes staff and student participation, promotes educator diversity, promotes culturally responsive teaching practices, and communicates district initiatives to interested stakeholders. Senate Bill 732 B requires every school district to establish similar committees.