

HB 4099 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative. Prescribes eligibility requirements and process for members of collaborative to be appointed by Governor. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to provide youth members with peer support and resources to ensure successful participation. Prescribes duties of collaborative. Requires ODE to provide staff support for collaborative. Directs ODE and partner agencies to establish work group that will develop standards and recruitment process for selecting members of collective by October 31, 2022. Directs Governor, in consultation with work group, to appoint collaborative members by February 15, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

After a virtual listening session in the summer of 2020 between students of color and Oregon school and district administrators was disrupted by an intruder, a coalition of stakeholder organizations worked to develop an initiative to promote youth engagement and participation in the policymaking process that would be responsive to student concerns. That process led to the introduction of House Bill 3363 A in the 2021 legislative session, which would have established the Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative, a body consisting primarily of students from underrepresented backgrounds that would advise state agencies on issues relating to racial equity. That bill was not enacted.

House Bill 4099 establishes the Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative and outlines its responsibilities and membership.