

HB 3144 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 2/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander statewide education plan. Requires Department of Education (ODE) to form advisory group. Establishes membership requirements and duties of advisory group. Establishes program requirements for statewide education plan. Requires ODE to submit biennial report to legislature concerning progress of plan. Requires ODE to award grants to Early Learning Hubs under eligibility requirements to be established by rule. Allows ODE to use moneys in the Statewide Education Initiatives Account for any statewide education plan developed and implemented by ODE. Requires alignment of all existing statewide education plans. Modifies advisory group membership for LGBTQ2IA+ statewide education plan to require consultation with advisory groups formed by ODE to develop and implement all statewide plans. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon has established statewide education plans for students who are Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Latino or Hispanic, and minority gender identities or sexual orientations. These plans require ODE to form advisory groups composed of individuals who identify as members of each group in order to identify strategies for addressing historically disproportionate educational outcomes. ODE uses funds from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account, which was created by the Student Success Act in 2019, to implement the recommendations developed under these plans.

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget defines Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders as individuals who have origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Polynesian, Melanesian, or Micronesian islands. Recent data from the U.S. Census suggests that there are roughly 19,000 individuals in Oregon who identify solely as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, although that number increases to over 35,000 when multiracial individuals are included. Oregon does not currently have a statewide education plan for students who are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

House Bill 3144 directs the Oregon Department of Education to develop and implement a statewide education plan for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students.