

HB 2656 -2, -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts to ensure students participation in survey administered by Oregon Department of Education (ODE) on education experiences and in survey administered by Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to improve health and well-being of students. Requires State Board of Education to adopt survey participation benchmarks in rule. Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene advisory committee on expansion or revision of education accountability framework.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Possible parental concerns and ability to opt out of survey
- Ability to measure educational experience and outcomes beyond test scores

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Establishes operative date of July 1, 2024 for requirement that school districts ensure student participation in climate and health surveys. Modifies advisory committee review of education accountability framework and requires that review include climate and health surveys and survey participation rates.

-4 Replaces requirements that school districts ensure student participation in specified surveys. Requires school districts to make available specified surveys administered by Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority. Requires school districts to provide notice and opportunity to review survey to parents or guardians at least five days prior to administration. Permits parents or guardians as well as students to decline participation in survey.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) currently conducts a biennial [Student Health Survey \(SHS\)](#) of 6th, 8th, and 11th graders in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). ODE conducted its second pilot [Student Educational Equity Development \(SEED\)](#) Survey to measure the educational experiences of students in the 2021-2022 school year.

The [LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Plan](#) from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), revised February 2022, notes that the state does not currently have "a statewide school climate survey to assess youth experiences and well-being at school," and instead relies on national surveys with state-specific data. The report includes development of a statewide school climate survey in its recommendations.

House Bill 2656 requires school districts to ensure their students' participation in statewide health and climate surveys and requires the governor to convene an advisory committee on accountability in Oregon's K-12 education system.