

SB 409 -4, -6, -7 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires local school boards to post on their websites the following information for every course of study offered by the school district: the title and description of textbooks and instructional materials used and a link if available, a syllabus, and identification of the state's academic content standards that are satisfied by the course. Requires updates within 30 days after changes are made. 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:

-4 Replaces section one of the measure. Requires district school boards to ensure that the following information is available on the district's website or on its education service district's website: any curricula used by the school district; the title, author, publisher, and publication date for textbooks and other instructional materials. Allows information to be made available at no cost at a public library.

-6 Replaces section one of the measure. Requires district school boards to ensure that the district's website includes a link to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) web page that lists textbooks and other instructional materials adopted by the State Board of Education for use in Oregon schools, and a link to the to the ODE web page that describes academic content standards.

-7 Replaces section one of the measure. Requires district school boards that the following information is posted on the district's website: title, author, publisher, and publication date for each textbook or other instructional material adopted by the local board for use in the district and a link to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) web page describing academic content standards. Requires copy of each textbook or other instructional material used by the school district to be available for public inspection at a local public library and at other times and places selected by the district. Requires updates within 30 days after changes are made.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, the State Board of Education adopts textbooks that are approved for use in Oregon schools. However, school districts are also permitted by state law to do their own independent adoptions for any textbooks or curricular materials that are not on the state-approved list. Information about what textbooks and curricular materials a district has purchased or adopted for use are considered public records. Senate Bill 409 requires public notification of the textbooks and curricular materials in use in a district's schools.