

SB 473 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school district board to add child sex trafficking prevention curriculum to current child sexual abuse prevention program for students in grades kindergarten through 12 beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. Requires curriculum to include techniques for how to escape and report sexual abuse or child sex trafficking situation. Requires professional training for school personnel to include coordinating with relevant state and local agencies on reporting and procedural protocols. Requires parental involvement component to inform parents about the prevalence, nature, and strategies used for child sex trafficking. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 28; Excused, 2

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Resources available to support curriculum adoption
- Intersection between child sexual abuse and human trafficking

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to study how to integrate instruction on sex trafficking prevention into academic content standards for grades kindergarten through 12. Requires ODE to consult specified organizations and submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2025. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 856 (2015), also known as Erin's Law, required each school district board to adopt a child sexual abuse instructional program for students in kindergarten through grade 12. In response, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) convened the [Sex Abuse Prevention Advisory Group](#) and published [guidance for implementation](#). Administrative rules for implementing Senate Bill 856 (2015) are embedded in ODE's standards for human sexuality education ([OAR 581-022-2050](#)).

Senate Bill 473 requires school district boards to add child sex trafficking prevention curriculum to the mandatory instructional program on child sexual abuse for students in grades kindergarten through 12.