

**HB 2902 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Gomberg

**House Committee On Education**

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**Action Date:** 03/08/23

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Cramer, Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Nguyen H, Valderrama, Wright

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/13, 3/8

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Encourages schools to instruct students on preparing for and recovering from fires; earthquakes, including tsunamis; safety threats; and region-specific natural disasters. Requires Oregon Department of Education to develop guidance for instruction in consultation with the Oregon Department of Emergency Management and provide professional development upon request. First applies to 2024-2025 school year. Becomes operative July 1, 2024.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Availability of classroom and teacher time for new instruction
- Instruction on disaster preparedness in addition to emergency response

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Encourages schools to instruct students on preparing for and recovering from fires; earthquakes, including tsunamis; safety threats; and region-specific natural disasters. Requires Oregon Department of Education to develop guidance for instruction in consultation with the Oregon Department of Emergency Management and provide professional development upon request.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 336.071 currently requires that each school instruct students on emergency procedures related to fires, earthquakes, and safety threats for at least 30 minutes in each school month.

House Bill 2902 A encourages schools to instruct students on preparing for and recovering from fires; earthquakes, including tsunamis; safety threats; and natural disasters specific to the school's region, and requires the Oregon Department of Education to develop guidance for instruction and provide professional development to teachers and administrators upon request.