

**SB 409 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Weber

**Senate Committee On Education**

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**Action Date:** 03/30/23

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

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

**Yeas:** 7 - Anderson, Dembrow, Frederick, Gelser Blouin, President Wagner, Robinson, Weber

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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 ODE web page that describes academic content standards. Declares emergency, effective September 1, 2023.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Communication between school and parents
- Community desire for more information about materials used in schools

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces Section 1 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 ODE web page that describes academic content standards.

**BACKGROUND:**

Under current law, the State Board of Education approves and adopts textbooks for use in Oregon's schools. However, school districts are also permitted by state law to independently adopt any textbooks or curricular materials that are not on the state-approved list. Information on which textbooks and curricular materials a district has purchased or adopted for use in schools is considered a public record. Senate Bill 409 A requires districts to post links to the state-approved list of textbooks and instructional materials and to the state's academic content standards.