

HB 3348 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/03/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (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: 3/29, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to conduct study to determine impact, cost, and feasibility of implementing Salem-Keizer Threat Assessment System in school districts across state. Requires ODE to submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Requires ODE to conduct study to identify costs and possible funding sources to improve school safety, including placing law enforcement officers in schools, providing mental health services in schools, and training educators to identify and refer students in need of additional mental health services. Requires ODE to submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Requires ODE to study sources of funding to establish secure single point of entry for each public school. Requires ODE to submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Elements of Salem-Keizer Threat Assessment System
- Provisions of amendment
- Combining school safety study bills

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

The Salem-Keizer Threat Assessment System is a nationally recognized model for school safety. The [district's approach](#) includes multi-tiered systems of support, behavioral threat assessment, and partnerships with law enforcement.

The Student Success Act, House Bill 3427 (2019), required the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to establish a Statewide School Safety and Prevention System, which included assistance to school districts and education service districts in implementing a multidisciplinary student safety assessment system. ODE is required to make assessment teams available to assist each school district and education service district.

Washington House Bill 1216 (2019) required the creation of school safety and student well-being programs, including the requirement that school-based threat assessment programs and teams be in place in all law enforcement agencies by the 2020-2021 school year. The state's 2021 [School-Based Threat Assessment Fidelity Document](#) notes that education service districts and the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public

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Instruction adopted the Salem-Keizer Cascade Threat Assessment Model in order to meet the requirements of Washington House Bill 1216 (2019) and [RCW 28A.320.123](#).

House Bill 3348 A requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to study the feasibility of implementing the Salem-Keizer Threat Assessment System in school districts across the state; to study possible funding sources to place law enforcement officers and provide mental health services in schools, and to train educators to refer students to mental health services; and to study sources of funding to establish secure single point of entry for each public school. The measure requires ODE to report findings of all three studies to the legislature by September 15, 2024.