

HB 2280 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelsner Blouin

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 05/09/23

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-2

Yeas: 5 - Anderson, Dembrow, Frederick, Gelsner Blouin, President Wagner

Abs: 2 - Robinson, Weber

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/25, 5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies provisions relating to sexual harassment in schools. Standardizes definition of term "without consent" to mean acts performed without person's knowledge and agreement or when a person is incapacitated by drugs or alcohol, unconscious, or pressured through force, coercion, or threats. Applies to acts on or after effective date. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of "without consent"
- Age requirement
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2280 was requested by the Oregon Department of Education so that the statutory definition of sexual harassment would match the definition in the state's [health education content standards](#). HB 2280 modifies statutory provisions relating to sexual harassment and consent.