

**SB 992 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

Carrier: Rep. Wright

**House Committee On Education****Action Date:** 05/10/23**Action:** Do Pass the A-Eng bill.**Vote:** 7-0-0-0**Yeas:** 7 - Cramer, Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Nguyen H, Valderrama, Wright**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 5/3, 5/10**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Repeals provisions relating to alternative certificate and enacts provisions relating to certificate of attendance. Requires that school districts and charter schools ensure that students have on-site access to all resources and courses required for a diploma. Establishes requirements for issuing certificate of attendance. Requires reporting on students who withdraw from school prior to graduating to include information on students' disabilities and academic outcomes. Repeals provisions allowing individualized education program teams to modify instructional hour requirements. Becomes operative July 1, 2024. Allows students who began ninth grade prior to July 1, 2020 to be awarded an alternative certificate if student satisfies requirements prior to July 1, 2024.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Problems with alternative certificates
- Misinformation about uses of alternative certificates
- Attendance requirements

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

State law establishes three types of diplomas: a regular high school diploma, a modified diploma, and an extended diploma. Additionally, current law allows students who meet specific requirements to earn an alternative certificate instead of a diploma. In order to earn a modified or extended diploma, students must meet specific eligibility requirements outlined in ORS 329.451. To earn a modified diploma, students must have a demonstrated inability to meet the full set of academic content standards for a high school diploma with reasonable modifications and accommodations. Students must also have a documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant barriers or have a documented history of a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievement. To earn an extended diploma, students must complete 12 credits and have a documented history of an inability to maintain grade level achievement due to significant learning and instructional barriers, have a medical condition that creates a barrier to achievement, or have a change in the ability to participate in grade level activities as a result of a serious illness or injury that occurred after grade eight. Senate Bill 992 A changes the alternative certificate to a certificate of attendance.