

SB 934 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies the requirements for school districts to identify talented and gifted children. It adds requirements that any person who knows a child be permitted to recommend screening, that districts provide screening for any child recommended, that districts accept recommendations throughout the school year, that districts inform parents of the process for recommending a child for screening, and that districts provide information about the recommendation process on their websites.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Problems and challenges with current screening processes
- Needs of talented and gifted children

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment removes the requirement for screenings to take place throughout the school year.

BACKGROUND:

Current law defines talented and gifted (TAG) children as those who demonstrate outstanding ability or potential in one of several academic, creative, or leadership areas and require special educational programs or services beyond those normally provided by the regular school program in order to realize their contribution to self and society. School districts are required to submit a plan of instruction for TAG children to the Oregon Department of Education and may apply for state funds to provide TAG instruction.