

HB 2453 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 4/7, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Education to study the adequacy of public education in Oregon and submit a report by September 15, 2026.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- September 15, 2025 requirement for districts with fewer than 10,000 ADM to have equity advisory committees
- Challenges with having equity advisory committees subject to public meetings law

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 The amendment replaces the measure. It modifies laws relating to educational equity advisory committees to remove those committees' relationships to school district boards. It allows equity advisory committees' annual reports to be shared with school district boards either by the district superintendent or as a presentation at the request of the school district board. The amendment declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

BACKGROUND:

[Senate Bill 732 \(2021\)](#) required school districts to convene educational equity advisory committees to advise district leaders on issues related to underrepresented students. Prior to enactment of that bill, some districts had established these committees to advise their superintendents and governing boards. The bill required school districts with enrollment of 10,000 or more to convene these committees by September 15, 2022 and those with under 10,000 to convene an advisory committee by September 15, 2025.