

HB 3083 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires every kindergarten through grade 12 public school to have emergency safeguards to protect the safety and well-being of students and staff at the school. The measure adds policies and procedures relating to school building security to the emergency safeguards schools must develop. The measure requires schools to consider adding a panic alarm system consisting of either a wireless or wearable panic alarm, capable of connecting to emergency services to coordinate between multiple agencies, and integrating with 9-1-1 calls.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Panic buttons use in schools
- Funding for the program
- School safety programs in schools

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the nonprofit [Make Our Schools Safe](#), legislation known as Alyssa's Law, which requires the installation of panic alarms, has passed in seven states: New Jersey (2019), Florida (2020), and New York (2022), Texas (2023), Tennessee (2023), Utah (2024), Oklahoma (2024).

The Oregon Department of Education, using funds allocated for school safety from [House Bill 5014 \(2023\)](#), created the [Wireless Panic Alarm Grant program](#), which reimburses schools \$2000 for purchasing and installing a wireless panic alert system. [Current law](#) requires all schools to instruct and drill students on emergency procedures, maintain a comprehensive plan for emergencies, and provide at least 30 minutes a month to instruct students about emergency procedures and policies.