

SB 905 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure removes the requirement for school districts, education service districts, and schools to provide a printed version of the Healthy and Safe School test results and annual statements. The measure requires districts or schools to maintain a website to post test results and annual statements.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact.

Revenue Impact: No revenue impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes 28, Nays 0

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Multilingual access of reports
- Use of the paper copies of the Health and Safety Reports
- Duplicative copies of the Health and Safety Reports

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, a [U.S. Forest Service study](#) of moss in Portland revealed high levels of cadmium and arsenic in neighborhoods and nearby schools. The [Oregon Department of Environmental Quality](#) confirmed the findings in 2017. In addition, in June and July 2016, Portland Public Schools found that a substantial number of its school buildings had high lead levels in their drinking water after conducting a series of tests on buildings' water sources. Requirements for the Healthy and Safe Schools Plan were enacted with the passage of [Senate Bill 1062](#) in 2017.

Current law requires school districts, educational service districts, and public charter schools to develop and adopt Healthy and Safe School Plans to address environmental conditions in facilities regularly used by students or staff. Districts and schools must make test results available within 10 business days of receiving results and districts and school must provide an annual statement to governing bodies, parents and students.