

HB 4047 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prevents Education Service Districts (ESDs) from imposing additional high school diploma requirements on students enrolled in a Youth Corrections Education Program or program under the Juvenile Detention Education Program. Requires ESDs accept any credits earned in another educational program in the State of Oregon and apply the credits to State of Oregon Diploma requirements.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Education Service Districts (ESD) and school districts enter into contracts with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to administer education programs to students enrolled in Youth Corrections Education Programs (YCEP) or programs under the Juvenile Detention Education Program (JDEP). ODE reports there are seven YCEP facilities and twelve JDEP facilities paired with ESD providers. This allows students in JDEP and YCEP to leave the programs with diplomas awarded by ESDs and school districts. The State of Oregon requires 24 credit hours for graduation, but school districts can add additional requirements. Example: The State of Oregon requires 3 credits of art, foreign language or Career Technical Education (CTE); whereas some districts specify the credit requirements, indicating 2 credits of foreign language and 1 art credit.

House Bill 3267 (2017) required school districts or public charter schools to grant waivers toward graduation requirements specified by the district or charter school that went beyond the Oregon High School Diploma requirements, for foster children, homeless or runaways, children in military families, children of migrant workers, or children enrolled in the YCEP or JDEP programs. This waiver did not include ESDs as the education provider.

HB 4047 prevents Education Service Districts from requiring additional high school diploma requirements beyond the established State of Oregon High School requirements for students enrolled in YDEP and JCEP programs. It requires the ESD accept any credits previously earned in another educational program in the State and apply the credits toward the Oregon High School Diploma requirements.