

HB 4047 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate 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 Juvenile Detention Education Program. Requires that ESDs accept any credits a student earned in other Oregon educational programs and apply those credits toward the student's Oregon Diploma requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Challenges facing students in Youth Corrections Education Programs and Juvenile Detention Education Programs
- Clarifying language and technical fix for HB 3267 (2017)

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Education Service Districts (ESDs) 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 Juvenile Detention Education Programs (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. Oregon requires 24 credit hours for graduation, but school districts can add additional requirements. For example, although Oregon requires three credits of art, foreign language, or Career Technical Education, some districts specify the credits, requiring two credits in foreign language and one in art.

House Bill 3267 (2017) required school districts or public charter schools to grant waivers toward graduation requirements 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. The requirements of HB 3267 did not apply to ESDs.

HB 4047 prevents ESDs from requiring additional high school diploma requirements beyond the established Oregon High School requirements for students enrolled in YDEP and JCEP programs. It requires the ESD accept any credits a student previously earned in other Oregon educational programs and apply those credits toward the student's Oregon High School Diploma requirements.