

SB 16 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands list of health practitioners that may conduct medical exams for special education evaluations, as specified. Removes references to health assessment. Adds audiology assessment and specifies those licensed to conduct exam. Allows appropriately licensed, out-of-state health practitioners to conduct medical, visual, or audiology exams. Requires health practitioners to report exam results to school districts child is enrolled. Applies to exams conducted on or after effective date. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

To receive special education services, a student must undergo an evaluation, which may include health examinations. Current law permits licensed physicians to perform medical exams and licensed nurses to perform health assessments for special education evaluations. The Oregon Department of Education reports that, in practice, medical exams and health assessments are the same type of exam.