

**HB 2022 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Carrier:** Sen. Heard**Senate Committee On Education****Action Date:** 05/15/19**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)**Vote:** 5-0-0-0**Yeas:** 5 - Gelser, Hass, Heard, Thomsen, Wagner**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Tamara Dykeman, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 4/15, 5/15**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Renames Oregon Virtual School District (ORVSD) to Oregon Digital Learning. Expands program to include professional development related to online learning for public school teachers. Directs program to provide professional development to support school districts with online learning, including helping school districts to identify and support students who will benefit from online learning opportunities. Permits Superintendent of Public Instruction to contract with a public or private entity to offer professional development.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Oregon Virtual School District
- Equity issues for small and rural districts
- Number of districts served
- Funding sources
- Reasons for name change
- Amendment to eliminate the word "academy" from new name

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Renames program to "Oregon Digital Learning," removing the word "academy" from the new title.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2005, the Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 1071 creating the Oregon Virtual School District (ORVSD) within the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). The purpose of ORVSD is to provide online courses to K-12 public school students. The online courses must meet state standards and be taught by a licensed or registered teacher. ORVSD offers approximately 50 online courses, including higher-level math, world languages, honors and Advanced Placement (AP) classes, career and technical education (CTE), and other specialty courses. School districts may, but are not required to, offer these courses to their students. The ORVSD is funded through a \$1.6 million per biennium transfer or "carve out" from the State School Fund.

ODE reports that the name "Oregon Virtual School District" is misleading because the program is not a school district. In addition, some people confuse ORVSD with the Oregon Virtual School, an online charter school. House Bill 2022 B changes the name of ORVSD to Oregon Digital Learning. In addition, it expands the purpose of the program to include professional development related to online education for teachers and school districts.