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Oregon House Passes Bill to Address Class Sizes

House Bill 2928 will look at the best way to reduce classroom overcrowding

SALEM – Oregon has among the largest class sizes in the nation. Students are crammed into overcrowded classrooms, where teachers aren't able to give them the individual attention they need.

Today, the Oregon House passed House Bill 2928 to begin the process of reducing class sizes. The bill creates a Task Force on Class Sizes in Oregon, which will study and report back on effective class sizes for students, determine how to reduce class sizes, and estimate the costs needed to reduce class sizes.

Large class sizes impact everyone in a school: students, teachers, administrators, staff, and parents. The bill will ensure that the task force takes into account the voices of those closest to the classroom.

“This is an important piece of legislation for Oregon’s students’ ability to learn, for teachers’ ability to adequately convey material, and for our school administrators who work hard to ensure that everyone in the school is getting the most of Oregon’s education system,” says Rep. Susan McLain (D-Forest Grove).

The bill passed the Oregon House by a vote of 42-18, and now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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