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SUMMARY

Prohibits State Board of Education from requiring, and school districts from administering, certain assessments to students enrolled or preparing to enroll in prekindergarten through grade two. Makes exception for assessments administered for diagnostic purposes as required under state or federal law.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the administration of assessments to public school students;
3 amending ORS 329.486.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 329.486 is amended to read:

6 329.486. **(1)** The State Board of Education shall adopt guidelines for the
7 best practices of administering statewide assessments of students. The
8 guidelines must provide that a student who is in any grade [*from*
9 *kindergarten*] through grade eight and who has met or exceeded state stan-
10 dards on a test is excused from being required to retake the test.

11 **(2)(a) Except for assessments that are required to be administered**
12 **for diagnostic purposes under state or federal law:**

13 **(A) The State Board of Education may not develop an assessment**
14 **for or require a school district to administer a state-developed assess-**
15 **ment, a commercially developed assessment or another comparable**
16 **assessment to students enrolled or preparing to enroll in**
17 **prekindergarten through grade two.**

18 **(B) School districts may not administer a state-developed assess-**
19 **ment, a commercially developed assessment or another comparable**

1 **assessment to students enrolled or preparing to enroll in**
2 **prekindergarten through grade two.**

3 **(b) As used in this subsection, “commercially developed**
4 **assessment” means an assessment that:**

5 **(A) Requires all test takers to answer the same questions, or a**
6 **portion of questions selected from all possible questions, in the same**
7 **manner; and**

8 **(B) That is developed and scored by an entity under a contract.**

9 **(c) Nothing in this subsection prohibits a classroom teacher from**
10 **selecting, developing, administering or scoring an assessment for an**
11 **individual classroom in any subject area in prekindergarten through**
12 **grade two.**

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