

# ESSA in Oregon

## Legislative Concerns and Agency Interactions



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## *Assessment Bills, 2015-16*



# ASSESSMENT BILLS 2015

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- **HB 2655:** Permits general opt-out of statewide assessments. Six-year sunset. Very specific about requirements around notification, rights of parents, and appropriate data use. Enrolled.
- **HB 2680:** Prohibits evaluation of teachers based upon statewide testis for one year. Enrolled.
- **HB 2835:** Would have prohibited implementation of “common core.” Died in committee.



# ASSESSMENT BILLS 2015, CONT.

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- HB 2655 (2015) drew attention.

← → ↻ [www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2015/07/oregon\\_schools\\_opt-out\\_law\\_for.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2015/07/oregon_schools_opt-out_law_for.html)

## 78 Oregon schools' opt-out law for tests still a sore point with feds



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Students in Ohio were the first to take Common Core tests this spring. Oregon's new testing opt-out law is one of the most permissive in the country and the federal government is not happy about it. (Ty Wright / Associated Press)



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# ASSESSMENT BILLS 2016

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- Consequently, leadership worked hard and no bills on assessments were introduced in 2016

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- What defines a great school? A great teacher? Oregon schools chief ...**  
They will create their own tests, do their own **assessments** and evaluations; .... The purpose of that **legislation** was clear: PERS **assessments** must be paid first.  
May 12, 2016  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2016/05/what\\_defines\\_a\\_great\\_school\\_a.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2016/05/what_defines_a_great_school_a.html)
- PPS must rebuild trust before putting bond measure on ballot ...**  
Rebuilding trust could well begin by using a real measure of **assessed** home ..... The purpose of that **legislation** was clear: PERS **assessments** must be paid first.  
Jun 11, 2016  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2016/06/pps\\_must\\_rebuild\\_trust\\_before.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2016/06/pps_must_rebuild_trust_before.html)
- Oregon doesn't need to revisit its minimum wage: Editorial Agenda ...**  
16, 2015, on possible **legislation** to raise the statewide minimum wage. .... different people from different areas of the State with different **assessments** of the law.  
Feb 2, 2016  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2016/02/oregon\\_doesnt\\_need\\_to\\_revisit.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2016/02/oregon_doesnt_need_to_revisit.html)





# *Assessments in Oregon:*

*Why is it such a popular legislative topic?*



# THE LEGISLATURE CARES ABOUT ASSESSMENTS BECAUSE THE PUBLIC CARES ABOUT ASSESSMENTS

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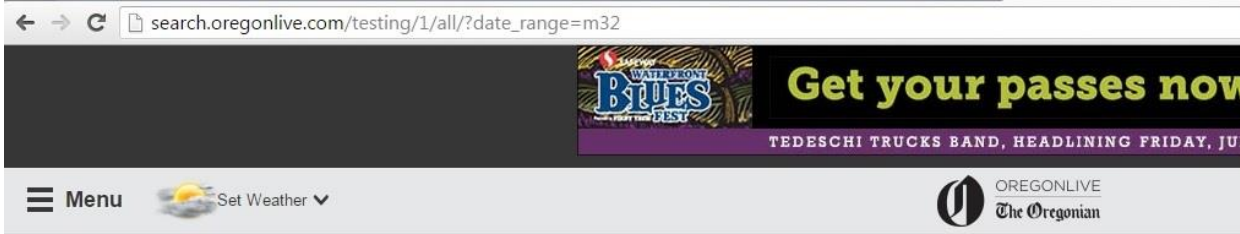
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `search.oregonlive.com/assessments/1/all/?date_range=m32`. The page header includes a 'Menu' button, a weather widget, and the 'OREGONLIVE The Oregonian' logo. The main content area is titled 'Site Search' and features a search bar with the text 'assessments' and a 'GO' button. Below the search bar, there are two filter dropdown menus: 'Filter: Past 32 Months' and 'Filter: All'. A red box highlights the 'Past 32 Months' filter and the text 'Results 1 to 15 of about 2460 for assessments.' below it. The search results list four articles:

- Student assessments should be devised by local educators: Guest ...**  
Student **assessments** should be devised by local educators: Guest opinion. test. JPG. A second grader at Wilkes Elementary in the Reynolds School District ...  
May 8, 2014  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/05/student\\_assessments\\_should\\_be.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/05/student_assessments_should_be.html)
- Two very different assessments of the Canyon Creek Complex fire ...**  
While covering the Canyon Creek Complex fire in John Day, U.S. Forest Service chief Thomas Tidwell spoke to media after a tour and briefing. His **assessment** ...  
Aug 22, 2015  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/multimedia/index.ssf/2015/08/two\\_very\\_different\\_assessments.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/multimedia/index.ssf/2015/08/two_very_different_assessments.html)
- Hillsboro and Beaverton kindergartners take state assessment tests ...**  
Rosedale Elementary kindergartner Brooklynn Corey listens as her teacher tells her to name as many letters as possible on a sheet of paper. (Wendy ...  
Sep 6, 2014  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/beaverton/index.ssf/2014/09/hillsboro\\_and\\_beaverton\\_kinder.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/beaverton/index.ssf/2014/09/hillsboro_and_beaverton_kinder.html)
- Beaverton school notes: Kindergarten assessments, free school ...**  
Jacob Wismer kindergarten teacher Melissa Gilchrist chats with incoming kindergartner Devansh Sahita after his kindergarten **assessment** test. (Wendy ...  
Sep 8, 2014  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/beaverton/index.ssf/2014/09/beaverton\\_school\\_notes\\_kinderg\\_1.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/beaverton/index.ssf/2014/09/beaverton_school_notes_kinderg_1.html)





# THE LEGISLATURE CARES ABOUT ASSESSMENTS BECAUSE THE PUBLIC CARES ABOUT ASSESSMENTS



### Site Search

testing GO

Filter: Past 32 Months Filter: All

Results 1 to 15 of about 11800 for testing.

**Testing opponents furious about Oregon's opt-out notice for parents ...**  
Testing opponents are furious that Oregon's official opt-out forms, required under a new law giving parents broad rights to exempt their children from lengthy ...  
Nov 11, 2015  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2015/11/testing\\_opponents\\_furious\\_abou.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2015/11/testing_opponents_furious_abou.html)

**What are Smarter Balanced tests? A guide to Oregon's new student ...**  
The Smarter Balanced test will be given in April and May to students in grades three through eight, measuring their reading, math, writing, listening, research ...  
Nov 13, 2014  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/11/what\\_are\\_smarter\\_balanced\\_test.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/11/what_are_smarter_balanced_test.html)

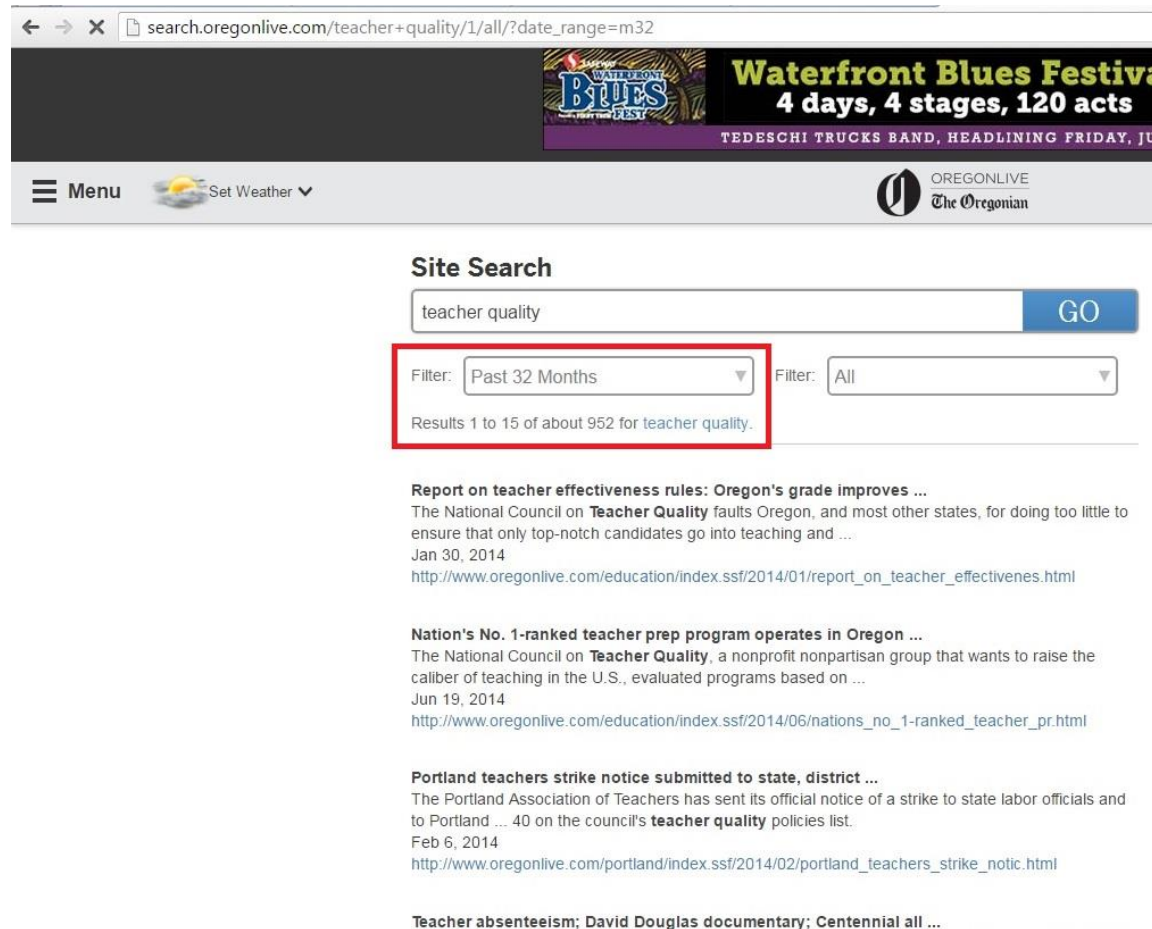
**How will the Smarter Balanced test work? Q & A | OregonLive.com**  
Here are answers to frequently asked questions about the new Smarter Balanced tests.  
Mar 10, 2015  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2015/03/how\\_exactly\\_will\\_the\\_smarter\\_b.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2015/03/how_exactly_will_the_smarter_b.html)

**Movement to opt out of Common Core testing gains steam ...**  
As tougher standardized tests roll out in public schools across Oregon, Portland is emerging as a



# THE PUBLIC CARES ABOUT ASSESSMENTS MORE THAN MANY OTHER THINGS

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `search.oregonlive.com/teacher+quality/1/all/?date_range=m32`. The page features a banner for the "Waterfront Blues Festival" with details: "4 days, 4 stages, 120 acts" and "TEDESCHI TRUCKS BAND, HEADLINING FRIDAY, JU". Below the banner is a navigation bar with a "Menu" icon, a weather widget showing a sun and "Set Weather" dropdown, and the "OREGONLIVE The Oregonian" logo. The main content area is titled "Site Search" and contains a search bar with the text "teacher quality" and a blue "GO" button. Below the search bar are two filter dropdown menus: "Filter: Past 32 Months" and "Filter: All". A red box highlights the "Past 32 Months" filter. Below the filters, it says "Results 1 to 15 of about 952 for teacher quality." The search results list three items:

- Report on teacher effectiveness rules: Oregon's grade improves ...**  
The National Council on **Teacher Quality** faults Oregon, and most other states, for doing too little to ensure that only top-notch candidates go into teaching and ...  
Jan 30, 2014  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/01/report\\_on\\_teacher\\_effectiveness.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/01/report_on_teacher_effectiveness.html)
- Nation's No. 1-ranked teacher prep program operates in Oregon ...**  
The National Council on **Teacher Quality**, a nonprofit nonpartisan group that wants to raise the caliber of teaching in the U.S., evaluated programs based on ...  
Jun 19, 2014  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/06/nations\\_no\\_1-ranked\\_teacher\\_pr.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/06/nations_no_1-ranked_teacher_pr.html)
- Portland teachers strike notice submitted to state, district ...**  
The Portland Association of Teachers has sent its official notice of a strike to state labor officials and to Portland ... 40 on the council's **teacher quality** policies list.  
Feb 6, 2014  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2014/02/portland\\_teachers\\_strike\\_notic.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2014/02/portland_teachers_strike_notic.html)

Teacher absenteeism; David Douglas documentary; Centennial all ...



# CAVEAT: SOMETIMES THE PUBLIC CARES ABOUT ODD THINGS. (FRONT PAGE, 6/26/16)

← → ↻ www.oregonlive.com



Portland Police Chief O'Dea to retire amid investigations over shooting friend



6 things to know about Oregon's new minimum wage law

## World Naked Bike Ride, as seen by the naked eye



Dillon Pilorget | The Oregonian

Momentarily bonded in bareness, riders forged through Woodstock and past Reed College, traveled up and over the Bybee Boulevard Bridge, and concluded with a big, naked party at Sellwood Park.

- 13 weirdest things we saw and heard at the naked ride
- How the World Naked Bike Ride took over Portland





# *The Legislature, ODE, and ESSA*



# ESSA AND ODE

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- The Oregon Department of Education has begun a year-long process for ESSA implementation.
- The plan involves multiple work groups, stakeholder conversations, and “road shows.”
- The Legislature thus far seems mostly concerned with increased flexibility afforded by ESSA, specifically around assessments, as well as not being as concerned with the potential loss of federal funds because of the HB 2655 opt-out.



# ODE PLAN FOR ESSA

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April-June  
2016

- Work groups convene
- Advisory groups provide feedback
- ODE and work group members solicit stakeholder feedback

July-Aug  
2016

- ODE teams draft state plan
- Work groups review and provide feedback
- ODE solicits stakeholder feedback

Sept-Dec  
2016

- Plan adjusted based on USDE rules
- Posted for public comment
- Presented to State Board for review in Oct; for approval in Dec.





# Questions?



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