

SB 129 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

SB 129 provides authority to the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to establish new fees on Education Preparation Providers (e.g., colleges and universities), school districts and educator service districts. The bill also allows an administrative law judge to award TSPC reasonable attorney fees and court costs when the Commission prevails. It allows TSPC to impose civil penalties on those licensees subject to disciplinary action and also increases the maximum charge for reinstatement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment removes the authority to establish fees on school districts and education service district. The authority for the civil penalties and the awarding of attorney and court costs are also amended out of the budget. Fees are continued for the Education Preparation Programs but sunset on January 1, 2026.

The amendment also transfers the balance of the National Board Certification Fund on June 30, 2021 to the TSPC operating account to offset the need to increase fees on educators. There is an estimated \$1.4 million in the Fund at this time.

BACKGROUND:

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission is Oregon's licensing agency for educators. The agency is mostly funded by the fees it collects from educators. Senate Bill 129 would establish new fees.