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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows person without administrative license to be superintendent or assistant superintendent of public school, public charter school, virtual public charter school or education service district. Provides that unlicensed superintendent or assistant superintendent must complete program conducted by professional organization or school administrators within one year of hire date.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Oregon administrator licensure standards
- Administration of Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program
- School board discretion in establishing qualifications for superintendents
- Recent non-licensed administrators of Oregon school districts
- Concerns regarding program completion

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Provides that unlicensed superintendent or assistant superintendent must complete program conducted by professional organization of school administrators within one year of hire date.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, superintendents of Oregon public schools, charter schools, virtual public charter schools and education service districts must hold an administrator license issued by the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission. The Initial Administrator License is valid for school administration at all age and grade levels in any administrative position. It is issued to eligible applicants who have completed an administrator preparation program and also hold a master's degree.

House Bill 3555-A replaces licensure requirements for superintendents and assistant superintendents with qualifications for employment established by school boards. The measure also provides that unlicensed superintendents and assistant superintendents must complete a program of instruction within one year of hire date. According to the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators, "The program will align with Oregon Administrator Licensure Standards, and will be provided through a professional organization of administrators by experienced, successful practicing or recently retired licensed Oregon school administrators. Course work may include: Visionary Leadership, Instructional Improvement, Effective Management (including Oregon School Law and Oregon School Finance), Inclusive Practice, Ethical Leadership, Socio-Political Context, Practicum Experience and Mentoring."