
MEMORANDUM

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To: Members of the Education Subcommittee
From: Doug Wilson, Legislative Fiscal Office
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Date: June 12, 2013
Subject: SB 271 -- Work Session Recommendations

Background Information

SB 271 abolishes the Oregon Educator Professional Development Commission and transfers its educator professional development responsibilities to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). The scope of the program is expanded some by the bill. ODE is to administer a program that provides statewide collaboration leadership for P-20 and that emphasized school improvement. The agency must maintain a website for sharing professional development opportunities, assist in school district planning, develop and share state standards for professional development programs, provide evaluation tools, and coordinate delivery of professional development across the state.

The ODE budget assumes the passage of this bill, allocating a portion of the \$33 million for the Network for Quality Teaching and Learning for this purpose. For this reason, the fiscal for the bill should be minimized.

Recommended Changes SB 271:

LFO recommends one amendment (-1) of which it knows about. The -1 amendment takes out a section requiring the agency to spend \$500,000 of federal funds on improving teacher and principal quality. ODE has said that if the federal funds were used in this way it could jeopardize the state's receipt of federal funds.

Sen. /Rep. _____ moves the -1 amendment to SB 271.

SB 271 Final Subcommittee Action:

Final Motion:

Sen./Rep. _____ moves SB 271 to the full committee as amended with a "do pass" recommendation.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Richard Donovan, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Abolishes Oregon Educator Professional Development Commission (OEPD). Transfers educator professional development responsibilities to Department of Education. Transfers all relevant records and property of OEPD chairperson to Superintendent of Public Instruction. Requires that Department of Education continue educator professional development program. Expands scope of that program. Declares an emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- OEPD history, goal of having OEPD act as aggregator of best practices for educator professional development
- OEPD largely funded by private sources which “slipped away” over time; OEPD currently inactive
- Need for enhanced professional development programs for educators, both at the mentorship (1-2 years of experience) level and beyond
- Value of educator professional development, specifically lower teacher attrition over time leading to cost savings
- Department of Education as capable, enthusiastic, and logical organization for educator professional development program management
- Logic behind \$500,000 request; mention of potential supplanting issue, best resolved as part of existing subsequent referral

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The OEPDC was formed as a result of Senate Bill 443 (2009), “for the purpose of providing statewide collaborative leadership for prekindergarten through post-secondary education in the areas of school improvement.” The OEPDC was comprised of 16 members, 14 of whom were appointed by the Governor, with the Speaker of the House and the Senate President each appointing one member as well. Initial appointments to the OEPDC varied in length, with those terms ending on January 1 of 2011, 2012, or 2013. The OEPDC was explicitly required to create and maintain a website. There does not appear to have been much activity by the OEPDC recently. (The last update to the OEPDC website in the “What’s New” section is dated April 25, 2011.) Senate Bill 271 transfers duties and responsibilities of OEPDC to the Oregon Department of Education.

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This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 271**

- 1 On page 2 of the printed bill, delete lines 29 through 32.
- 2 In line 33, delete "7" and insert "6".

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