

**SB 271**

**Relating to Educator Professional Development**

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SB 271 abolishes the Oregon Educator Professional Development Commission and transfers its educator professional development responsibilities to the Oregon Department of Education. The agency is to administer a program that provides statewide collaboration leadership for the P-20 spectrum that emphasizes 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, and coordinate delivery of professional development across the state.

The funding for these functions are part of the \$33 million allocated for the Network for Quality Teaching and Learning established by HB 3233.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 271 be amended and reported out do pass as amended.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Frederick  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Girod

**Revenue:**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and be Printed A-Engrossed

**Vote:**

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 21, 2013

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**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:**

- How this function fits into the new Network for Quality Teaching and Learning established by HB 3233

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Removes the section of the bill which would require the Department of Education to spend \$500,000 of federal funds on improving teacher and principal quality. The agency had stated that this requirement could jeopardize the state's receipt of some federal funding.

**BACKGROUND:** The Commission has not received funding or generally operated for a few years. 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.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 271 A**

Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official*

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Date: 06/18/2013

**Measure Description:**

Abolishes Oregon Educator Professional Development Commission.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Education

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

General Fund	\$274,897	\$262,667
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds		
Federal Funds		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$274,897</b>	<b>\$262,667</b>
Positions	2	2
FTE	1.50	1.50

**Local Government Mandate:**

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Analysis:** SB 271 would abolish the Oregon Educator Professional Development Commission (OEPDC) and transfer the program to the Department of Education (ODE). In addition, ODE will maintain a website for posting professional development (PD) opportunities, assist school districts in developing PD plans, develop and share state standards for PD, coordinate and align the delivery of PD across the state, and provide recommend evaluative tools to determine the effectiveness of PD. OEPDC was established by the Legislature in 2009 and provided with \$130,000 for the first year's operation. Additional funding was not provided by the Legislature in subsequent years.

The fiscal impact is included as part of the \$33 million in funding for the Network for Quality Teaching and Learning established in HB 3233. This funding is included in the Oregon Department of Education's budget for 2013-15.

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(LC 984)  
4/25/13 (HRL/ps)

**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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