

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**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

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/14

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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:**

- 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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