77^{th} OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

MEASURE: SB 271-A

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

Revenue: No revenue impact **Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

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

Vote: 23 - 2 - 1

<u>House</u>

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Read,

Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays: Freeman Exc: Hanna

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

Nays: Whitsett

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 21, 2013

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.