

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Education

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies teacher education institution and program standards established by Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. Requires teacher education programs be accredited by national organization. Becomes operative July 1, 2019. Appropriates \$200,000 to Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for biennium beginning July 1, 2015. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

-1 amendments (proposed) make new standards and requirements established by Teacher Standards and Practices Commission operative July 1, 2022. Establish Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account in State Treasury to award grants to teacher education programs for purpose of having programs accredited. Appropriates \$200,000 to Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015. Abolishes account on July 1, 2022.

BACKGROUND: ORS 342.147, which regulates the approval of teacher education institutions and programs, currently requires the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to establish standards for approval of teacher education institutions and teacher education programs. Although statute does not require accreditation of institutions or programs by a national organization, eight of Oregon's 18 teacher preparation programs have voluntarily begun the process for or received accreditation through the Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP).

Senate Bill 78 requires TSPC to establish standards for approval that require a teacher education program to be accredited by a national organization such as CAEP. The bill requires national accreditation for teacher preparation program approval by TSPC by July 1, 2019, and appropriates moneys to TSPC to support programs undergoing the accreditation process.

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