

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Education

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 5/5, 5/12

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Removes outdated provisions and updates terminology related to teachers. Removes requirement that Superintendents of Education Service Districts have additional certification. Eliminates certain requirements for becoming approved educator preparation provider or approved educator preparation program. Eliminates certain requirements for licensure of out-of-state applicants. Requires Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to adopt standards related to dyslexia education programs. Requires TSPC to report on adoption of standards to the Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2016.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Insufficient training on dyslexia currently provided in teacher preparation programs
- Statutes based on 1965 establishment of TSPC are outdated
- Current law does not appropriately address separation of teacher and administrator duties, which took place after establishment of TSPC
- Measure updates statutory provisions related to licensure, preparation programs, and discipline
- Need to align Oregon statute with new national requirements

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

-6 amendments (proposed) remove requirement that TSPC annually approve contracts entered into by school districts when hiring post-secondary faculty for specific short-term instructional assignments at high school level. Remove requirement contracts be approved annually by governing boards of post-secondary institutions and school district. Allow TSPC to take action reprimanding educator preparation program candidate if candidate engages in misconduct prior to completing program. Align language regarding membership to TSPC of private higher education representative appointee with language regarding public higher education representative appointee. Allow Legislative Counsel to substitute specified references in statutory law to harmonize and clarify law.

**BACKGROUND:** The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) was established in 1965, and is the state licensing agency for educators. The TSPC has three main areas of responsibility: approval of teacher preparation programs offered by Oregon colleges and universities; licensure of teachers, administrators and other personnel employed in Oregon schools; and management of disciplinary actions relevant to educators conduct, including violations of the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance.

House Bill 2412-A updates provisions and terminology relating to teachers and the TSPC. It also requires the TSPC to adopt standards relating to dyslexia education for post-secondary education programs.

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