

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/16/15

Action: Without Recommendation As To Passage And Be Referred To Education.

Meeting Dates: 02/16

House

Yeas: 7 - Gallegos, Johnson, McKeown, Read, Reardon, Whisnant, Nearman

Exc: 2 - Hayden, Williamson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes name of Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to Professional Educator Standards Board. Updates terms for teacher education programs and institutions. Streamlines licensure structure for teachers and administrators. Increases maximum amount allowed for fees for issuance of license. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Referral to correct committee

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission was established in 1965 to maintain and improve performance in the education profession by approving teacher preparation programs offered by Oregon colleges and universities; by licensing teachers, administrators and other personnel employed in Oregon schools; and by taking disciplinary actions when educators commit crimes or violate Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance.

House Bill 2411 changes the name of the Commission to the Professional Educator Standards Board and increases the allowable fees for licensure, in addition to updating terms for teacher education programs.