

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Education****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 03/24/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.
(Printed A-Engrossed.)**Meeting Dates:** 03/24**Vote:**

Yeas: 7 - Baertschiger Jr, Beyer, Gelser, Hass, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

Prepared By: Gretchen Engbring, Committee Administrator**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies teacher education institution and program standards established by Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). Requires teacher education programs be accredited by national organization. Makes new standards and requirements established by TSPC operative July 1, 2022. Appropriates \$200,000 to Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015. Abolishes account on July 1, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
- Teacher preparation programs in Oregon that have already received accreditation
- Impact of CAEP accreditation on existing standards
- Accreditation requirements in other professional fields (e.g., the medical profession)
- Effect of accreditation on the speed of teacher licensing

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Makes new standards and requirements established by TSPC operative July 1, 2022. Establishes 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 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 CAEP.

Senate Bill 78-A 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, 2022, and appropriates moneys to the Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account to support programs undergoing the accreditation process.