Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 83 A
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Roblan

Senate Committee On Education

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact **Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/24/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 03/24

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires initial teaching license applicants complete supervised clinical practice experience. Specifies requirements for clinical practice experience and supervisors. First applies to 2020-2021 school year. Requires Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) convene work group to assist with implementing supervised clinical practice experience requirements. Ends work group July 1, 2017. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- TeachOregon work and research
- Significance of positive clinical practice experience for student teachers
- Lack of quality control over current clinical practice experiences
- Minimal incentives in current system for cooperating teachers (i.e., teachers that supervise student teachers)
- Professional learning opportunities needed for cooperating teachers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Requires work group meet throughout 2015-2017 biennium. Modifies required work group membership. Requires work group develop plan for 500 teachers to be trained each school year beginning 2017-2018 school year. Ends work group July 1, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon had approximately 1,425 teaching program completers during the 2013-2014 year. TSPC currently requires that all candidates in these preparation programs participate in student teaching, supervised by school-based personnel. While TSPC currently has some training guidelines for the school-based personnel in supervisory roles, they are neither mandatory nor standards-based.

Senate Bill 83-A requires initial teaching license applicants to complete supervised clinical practice experience and specifies requirements for both the clinical practice experience and the supervisors who oversee the initial teaching license applicants during their clinical practice experience. The supervising teachers must: be from the school district where the applicant is completing their student teaching, possess a teaching license, have been an effective teacher for three or more years and be trained to supervise the applicant. The bill requires TSPC to convene a work group to support the implementation of these requirements.