

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Education**

**MEASURE:** HB 2412 A  
**CARRIER:** Rep. Doherty

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/15/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/11, 04/01, 04/15

**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Doherty, Frederick, Hack, McLain, Piluso, Reardon, Sprenger, Wilson

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**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Removes outdated provisions and updates terminology related to teachers.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:**

- TSPC history, three main areas of responsibility
- Current processes, methodologies, including current upgrade of teacher license review systems
- Inclusion of relevant higher education professionals as part of Governor's broad focus on equity
- Concern with wait-time for teacher licenses
- Concern that measure is more than a "housekeeping" measure, but also makes significant policy changes
- Measure as appropriate for inclusion of policy for dyslexia-related content in educator preparation programs
- Removal of references to Minority Teacher Act of 1991; topic addressed by House Bill 3375 (2015)

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Clarifies statutory language pertaining to educator preparation programs. Requires 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. Removes references to Minority Teacher Act of 1991.

**BACKGROUND:**

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.