

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

**MEASURE: HB 3069 A**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Johnson**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/17/15

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

**Meeting Dates:** 03/09, 04/17

**Vote:**

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

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to adopt rules to require students in education programs to be able to instruct pupils to meet or exceed third-grade reading standards by the end of third grade. Mandates that any education program unable to plan to meet requirements under rule within one year report to TSPC.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading level as key benchmark of literacy
- Goal of “raising the bar” for candidates for elementary teaching positions
- Incremental approach to raising teaching candidate standards
- Teaching certification requirements as out of sync with Department of Education standards in reading
- Potential change of terminology in bill to “proficient at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading level”

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 342.147 governs rulemaking authority and requirements for the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) and the State Board of Education relating to teacher training programs. The 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 3069-A requires the TSPC to adopt rules that will ensure all graduates of education programs are able to teach students to achieve third grade reading standards by the end of third grade.