

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

MEASURE: HB 3339 A
CARRIER: Rep. Johnson

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/20/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 04/08, 04/20

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Secretary of State to conduct audit related to Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). Details audit requirements. Requires Secretary of State to report audit results no later than September 15, 2015. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current poor levels of service provided by TSPC; need for reform
- “Siloed” nature of TPSC, potential to inhibit Oregon’s 40-40-20 goals
- Potential value of merging TSPC with ODE, including increased human and data systems resources
- Concern with potential oversight by State Board of Education
- Independent licensure board model as predominant model for licensed professions in Oregon
- Dysfunction at TSPC most efficiently addressed by increase in funding or potential review of fee schedule, rather than transfer to ODE

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

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

House Bill 3339-A requires the Office of the Secretary of State to conduct an audit related to the TSPC. It also details the requirements of that audit, and requires the Secretary of State to report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2015.