

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

MEASURE: SB 83 A
CARRIER: Rep. Piluso

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/13/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/08, 05/13

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Barreto, Doherty, Frederick, McLain, Piluso, Reardon, Sprenger, Wilson

Exc: 1 - Hack

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes supervised clinical practice experience requirements for applicants for initial teaching license. First applies to 2020-21 school year. Directs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to convene work group to assist with implementation of requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- TeachOregon work and research, selection process for districts
- 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
- High level of university support for new model

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 his or her 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.