

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

MEASURE: HB 2412 B
CARRIER: Sen. Roblan

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/12/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments To The A-Eng Bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 05/05, 05/12

Vote:

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

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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Removes outdated provisions and updates terminology related to teachers.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. Removes specified approval requirements for certain contracts. Allows Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to take action reprimanding educator preparation program candidate if candidate engages in misconduct prior to completing program. Aligns language regarding membership to TSPC of private higher education representative appointee with language regarding public higher education representative appointee. Requires TSPC to adopt standards related to dyslexia education programs. Requires TSPC to report on adoption of standards to Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Insufficient training on dyslexia currently provided in teacher preparation programs
- Statutes based on 1965 establishment of TSPC outdated
- Current law does not appropriately address separation of teacher and administrator duties; differentiation of roles took place after establishment of TSPC
- Measure as updating statutory provisions related to licensure, preparation programs, and discipline
- Need to align Oregon statute with new national requirements

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Removes requirement that TSPC annually approve contracts entered into by school districts when hiring post-secondary faculty for specific short-term instructional assignments at high school level. Removes requirement contracts be approved annually by governing boards of post-secondary institutions and school district. Allows TSPC to take action reprimanding educator preparation program candidate if candidate engages in misconduct prior to completing program. Aligns language regarding membership to TSPC of private higher education representative appointee with language regarding public higher education representative appointee. Permits Legislative Counsel to substitute references to 'teacher education institution' and 'teacher education program' with 'educator preparation provide' and 'educator preparation program' to harmonize and clarify law.

BACKGROUND:

TSPC was established in 1965, and is the state licensing agency for educators. 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 educator conduct, including violations of the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance.

House Bill 2412-B updates provisions and terminology relating to teachers and TSPC. It also requires TSPC to adopt standards relating to dyslexia education for post-secondary education programs.