

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/17/16

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/17

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Baertschiger Jr, Gelser, Hass, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

Exc: 1 - Beyer

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies that moneys may be distributed under Network of Quality Teaching and Learning for purposes of advancing Educators Equity Act, improving cultural competence of educators and ensuring educators are trained in culturally relevant educational practices. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Oregonians of color, including contributions made by specific individuals
- Value of culturally responsive pedagogy and teaching practices
- Value of pedagogy to both teachers and students generally, students of color specifically
- Measure as furthering intentional distribution and tracking of culturally responsive teaching practices

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3233 (2013) created, among other things, the Network of Quality Teaching and Learning (NQTL), “for the purpose of enhancing a culture of leadership and collaborative responsibility to advance the profession of teaching, and to strengthen and advance existing evidence-based practices.” Since creation, the NQTL has been tasked with distributing more than \$57 million. Distributions are made for purposes listed in statute. House Bill 3375 (2015), the “Educator Equity Act,” revised, renamed, and updated the Minority Teacher Act of 1991, making it consistent with national- and state-level education policy.

House Bill 4033 allows NQTL distributions for purposes outlined in the Educator Equity Act.