

SB 221 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Revises state law relating to teacher training programs and dyslexia. Adds provisions requiring teacher training programs to provide instruction on other reading difficulties as well as dyslexia. Requires educator preparation programs for early childhood education, elementary education, special education or reading to provide instruction on dyslexia and other reading difficulties. Allows educator preparation programs to phase in compliance with standards or rules adopted by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission over three years. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 612 and House Bill 2412. These bills required:

- teacher training programs to include dyslexia;
- schools to ensure that existing teachers received training;
- Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop a plan to ensure that every student enrolled in public school was screened; and
- ODE to designate a dyslexia specialist.