SB 182 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Repeals the Network of Quality Teaching and Learning. Establishes the Educator Advancement Council. Specifies the council's duties and program requirements, including the establishment of regional networks. Permits the Chief Education Office, the State Board of Education, and the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to establish rules in support of the council. Changes the name of the Network of Quality Teaching and Learning Fund to the Educator Advancement Fund. Permits the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to award scholarship moneys to culturally and linguistically diverse teacher candidates. Directs the Early Learning Division to establish policies and practices relating to early childhood professional development.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- needs of educators
- benefits to students
- early childhood education system
- commission process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

Governor Brown established the Council on Educator Advancement in March, 2016 via Executive Order 16-08. The council, composed of 17 members, was tasked with recommending key strategies to the Governor for ensuring that Oregon's educators have access to mentoring, specialized professional learning, and opportunities for leadership development. The members include teachers, administrators, and representatives of higher education as well as legislators, the Chief Education Officer, the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Executive Director of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, and the Early Learning System Director.

The council issued a report in November, 2016, and made 10 recommendations relating to educator preparation, support for novice teachers and administrators, professional learning, teacher leadership, and the establishment of regional networks.