

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2763 - A6**

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**Measure Description:**

Authorizes Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to disburse moneys from National Board Certification Fund for reimbursement of certain costs related to national board certification of teachers.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

**Analysis:**

As amended by the -A6 amendment, the bill establishes a minimum of 150 public school teachers, for which the National Board Certification Fund (Fund) shall be used to provide assistance with the direct costs of seeking and obtaining national board certification; including costs related to participating in a cohort for certification. The bill removes the requirement that the Fund provide support for some but not all costs of certification and further removes the requirement that the fund be managed in a manner to support as many applications as possible. The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) is directed to waive the renewal fee for educator licenses of educators who are certified by a national professional organization for teaching standards recognized by the TSPC. No later than April 1, 2020 TSPC is directed to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly regarding national board certification outcomes and statistics as well as identify funding levels necessary to increase the number of teachers who hold national board certification in this state to ten percent of all public school teachers. For the 2017-19 biennium \$1.7 million General Fund is appropriated to the TSPC for deposit in the Fund.

At this time, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) believes that the impact to TSPC workload associated with licensure and the potential revenue loss from the waiver of educator license renewals is not fully understood and therefore the fiscal impact cannot be fully determined. The waiver of renewal license fees could attract teachers, who hold national certification, from other states that permit licensees from out-of-state. This language could result in an increase in the number of applicants renewing their license through the state of Oregon thus increasing the workload to the agency. The initial license fee for these new applicants will likely cover these workloads costs however the impact of the loss of renewal fees over the long-term may result in the need for the TSPC to raise fees for non-nationally certified educators to cover administrative costs. The projected Other Funds revenue loss to TSPC from existing Nationally certified teachers is estimated at a maximum of \$21,000 per biennium and would compound each budget cycle as more teachers become nationally certified.

The development of the system to provide reimbursements to teachers for costs associated with national board certification is expected to be completed with one Information Services Specialist 6 position which was funded in Policy Option Package (POP) 101 in the TSPC 2017-19 budget (HB 5038). Additional administrative costs associated with the processing of reimbursements to teachers for certifications costs under Section 1 (5) are indeterminate and will depend on the total number and complexity of requests; however, it is estimated that this workload, at a maximum, will require one Administrative Specialist 2 (1.00 FTE) at an estimated cost of \$142,814 per biennium.