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To: Education Subcommittee

From: Doug Wilson, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 26, 2017

Subject: SB 182-A – Relating to professional development for educators in early learning through grade 12 -- Work Session Recommendations

Major features of this bill with the -A9 amendments include:

- Establishes the Educator Advancement Council charged with duties related to distributing resources for professional learning supports and sets in motion planning and development of local educator networks across the state. These local networks can leverage resources from other partners and be more responsive to local professional learning needs identified by educators.
- Replaces the Network for Quality Teaching and Learning (NQTL) with an Educator Advancement Council and renames the Network Fund to become the Educator Advancement Fund effective June 30, 2019.
- Defines the responsibilities for the Chief Education Offices and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) as it relates to the statewide Educator Advancement Council and the local networks.
- Provides a mechanism to connect Early Learning Council efforts with the Educator Advancement Council to establish policies and practices to address Early Educator professional learning needs and improve supports for early learning educators.
- Authorizes the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to establish and administer new scholarship funds through OSAC to support culturally or linguistically diverse teacher candidates in support of the Oregon Educator Equity Act.

The timeline for this bill calls for a transition during 2017-19 with the statewide Educator Advancement Council and local networks being formed in the first year of the biennium. In the second year, the local networks are eligible to receive NQTL funding as they form and the Statewide Council plays a role in prioritizing NQTL funding decisions. Starting in 2019-

21, the Council and local networks are the primary vehicle for funding and guiding educator professional development relating to state resources.

The Council is required to report back to the Legislature by January 15, 2018 on its progress and plans. The amendment also changes the way the State School Fund Carve-out for the Network for Quality and Learning is adjusted each biennium. Current law has the amount of the carve-out changing the same amount as the State School Fund overall. Under the amendment, it will grow at the same rate as the inflation rate used by state agencies in budget development.

There is a minimal fiscal impact of this bill and any costs will be covered by the ODE and Chief Education Office budgets.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A9 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A9 amendment to BILL SB 182. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 182, as amended by the -A9 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 182, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____