

**HB 2529 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Education**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/8

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires that applicants submitting for a preliminary administrative license by the Teachers Standard and Practices Commission (TSPC) complete coursework that provides an overview of state requirements for comprehensive school guidance and counseling programs. Requires programs describe best practices in coordinating with school counselors to address the personal, social, emotional, behavioral and mental health issues of students. Establishes operative date of January 1, 2019. Allows the TSPC to take actions necessary to exercise preliminary administrative licenses.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:**

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recommends that for every 250 students in school, there is one counselor present. The data released by the ASCA indicates that during the 2013-2014 academic year, Oregon had one counselor for every 604 students present. Oregon law does not currently require that applying for an administrative license through the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) require completion of coursework or requirements for school guidance and counseling programs.

House Bill 2529 would require that applicants submitting for a preliminary administrative license through TSPC complete coursework and provide an overview of state requirements for comprehensive school guidance and counseling programs.