

**HB 2530 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Education**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires that each school district ensure that students have access to guidance counselors who are licensed by the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). Requires that each school district ensure that students have access to guidance counselors who are qualified to be licensed school counselors through education or experience, and received professional development on the delivery of comprehensive school counseling services. Requires guidance counseling services conform with rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

**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.

House Bill 2530 requires that each school district ensure that students have access to guidance counselors who are licensed by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). It requires that students have access to such guidance counselors who are qualified through education or experience on school counseling services.