

SB 649 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/11/17

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be returned to President's desk for referral to another committee.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gelser, Hass, Kruse, Linthicum, Roblan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the new State Board of Education (SBE) established under the Oregon Constitution under the provisions of Senate Joint Resolution 37 (2017) to have 11 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Establishes membership requirements and term limits for state board members. Establishes requirements for the removal of board members. Repeals current law relating to SBE membership, the Governor as Superintendent of Public Instruction and the appointment of the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction. Requires the SBE to appoint the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Requires the SBE to oversee community colleges and public universities as well as public elementary and secondary education. Becomes effective July 1, 2019 if the constitutional amendment proposed by Senate Joint Resolution 37 (2017) is passed in the 2018 general election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Structure of education system in Oregon
- Oregon Constitution

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Assembly created the State Board of Education in 1951. The board has seven members, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. Five members represent Oregon's congressional districts, and two represent the state as a whole. Members serve four-year terms, and are limited to two consecutive terms. The board meets at least six times per year, and its meetings are open to the public. The board is responsible for adopting the administrative rules governing the operation of Oregon's 197 public school districts and 20 educational service districts.