

## HB 2763 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Education

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**Action Date:** 04/12/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments  
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Doherty, Evans, Hernandez, McLain, Parrish, Sollman, Sprenger, Vial, Wilson

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows the National Board Certification Fund (Fund) to include moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly and federal money appropriated for the purpose of improving teacher quality through professional development. Specifies money in the Fund be used to encourage 150 public school teachers each biennium to obtain certification, and removes the allowance of funding on administrators' certification. Allows Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) to use the Fund for reimbursement on costs of certification and costs related to participating in cohort for certification. Removes requirement that Commission cannot use Fund to pay all costs of teacher application. Allows the Commission to renew educator license without charge if certified by national professional organization for teaching standards. Requires the Commission submit report to the Legislative Assembly no later than April 1, 2020.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure is not mandating teachers receive national board certification
- Biggest roadblock to becoming nationally certified is cost
- Goal is to create structure that allows federal or private money in professional development for teachers
- Encouragement in teachers being part of cohorts
- Board certified teachers would benefit with incentives to remain nationally certified

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces contents of measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

In the 2015-2016 school year, 215 school districts reported that the average starting salary for Oregon teachers was \$35,252. In the 2014-2015 school year, this figure was slightly lower at \$34,302. Additional expenses that include paying for licensing fees and board certification may be challenging for new teachers with starting salaries. There are professional development opportunities offered during in-service days, but opportunities may cost money for teachers and the school district.

House Bill 2763-A specifies money in the National Board Certification Fund (Fund) should be used toward 150 public school teachers each biennium for the cost of certification. The bill allows the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) to use money from the Fund for reimbursement of certification and costs related to participating in a cohort. It removes the requirement that the Commission cannot pay for the entire application fee.

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HB 2763-A requires the Commission submit a report on the following: summarizes the effect on the educational outcome of the state as a result of the increasing number of teachers who hold national board certification; the annual increase in number of teachers who hold national board certification; and identifying the level of state funding to have 10 percent of public school teachers hold national board certification.