

HB 3351 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Johnson

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/17/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Doherty, Evans, Hernandez, McLain, Parrish, Sollman, Vial, Wilson

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Executive Director of the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) to prepare an annual report related to the duties, powers and functions of the Commission. Requires report include number of teaching and administrative licenses that were issued in previous year. Requires report include trends in the number of licenses issued. Requires report detail trends in sanctions imposed on number of licenses. Requires report include summary of activities related to education preparation programs, changes to rules in previous years and placement of students in educator preparation programs. Requires report be submitted to Legislative Assembly no later than July 1 of each year. Allows a person to file a complaint with Commission against individual licensed by Commission. Allows the Commission to request verification that attempts were made to resolve complaint at the school district.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Previous audit performed by the Secretary of State on the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission
- Involvement of school districts in resolving complaints through complaint process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Teachers Standards and Practices Commission licenses teachers in the State of Oregon. Their mission statement is: To establish, uphold and enforce professional standards of excellence and communicate those standards to the public and educators for the benefit of Oregon's students. The Commission has compliance specialists and other staff who evaluate teacher applications and review them for meeting guidelines. Teachers are required to renew their licenses.

House Bill 3351 requires the Executive Director of the Commission to prepare an annual report related to the duties, powers and function of the Commission. It requires the report to count the number of licenses that were previously issued and summarize activities from the previous year.