

SB 205 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Wilson

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 05/10/17

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-1-0

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

Exc: 1 - Hernandez

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows a teacher licensure applicant to teach for 90 calendar days after submitting an application if the person is not ineligible based on the criminal record check and background check. Requires school district to complete review of the employment history of teacher. Allows Teachers Standards and Practices Commission to collect a fee not exceeding \$200 for issuance of a substitute teaching license. Requires fee be paid by school district, public charter school or education service district. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Requirement that teachers undergo background check before receiving temporary license
- Work by Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to serve teachers
- Maintaining requirements set by school districts and TSPC
- Potential revenue impact on TSPC and ways to track background check
- Change in fiscal impact statement on original bill

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Allows Teachers Standards and Practices Commission to collect a fee not exceeding \$200 for issuance of a substitute teaching license. Requires fee be paid by school district, public charter school or education service district.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon has over 65,000 licensed educators in the state. During the 2015-2016 budget year, the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) issued 19,507 licenses out of a total of 23,761 applications received. TSPC provided the following numbers: In the 2013-2014 school year, TSPC received 1,300 expedited licensure requests and in the following year, this number increased to 2,169 licensure requests. In the 2015-2016 school year, TSPC received 2,938 requests for expedited applications in addition to the standard licensure applications received by TSPC. The expedited requests dropped to 914 applications since February 2017.

Senate Bill 205-B allows a teacher licensure applicant to teach for 90 calendar days if the applicant has submitted an application and the teacher is not ineligible based on their criminal background. The school district must review the person's employment history. It also allows TSPC to collect a fee not exceeding \$200 for issuance of a substitute teaching license.