HB 3351   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Kruse

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date:	05/30/17
Action:	Do pass.
Vote:	5-0-0-0
Yeas:	5 - Gelser, Hass, Kruse, Linthicum, Roblan
Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Executive Director of the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to prepare an annual report related to TSPC's duties, powers and functions. Requires report to include number of teaching and administrative licenses issued in previous year, trends in the number of licenses issued, trends in sanctions imposed, 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 each year. Allows a person to file a complaint with TSPC against individual licensed by TSPC. Allows TSPC 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 Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
- Involvement of school districts in resolving complaints through complaint process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) licenses teachers in the State of Oregon. Its 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. TSPC has compliance specialists and other staff who evaluate teacher applications and review them for meeting guidelines.

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