

**HB 2964 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Education**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to create an Oregon Education Support Professional of the Year Program. Establishes program requirements. Requires ODE to collaborate with the Oregon State Lottery Commission to honor and recognize on an annual basis at least one education support professional who serves preK-12 students. Authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt rules, as specified.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1955, Oregon began recognizing outstanding teachers through the Oregon Teacher of the Year Program. ODE, in partnership with the Oregon State Lottery Commission, provides the Oregon Teacher of the Year a \$5,000 award as well as funds to cover all travel costs for the year. In addition, the recipient's school receives a matching award of \$5,000. In 2017-2018, Oregon public schools employed 11,611 educational assistants and 20,724 support staff on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis. House Bill 2964 A requires ODE to partner with the Oregon State Lottery Commission to create a Oregon Education Support Professional of the Year Program to honor and recognize educational support staff who demonstrate excellence in their field.