HB 2512 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds an eighth member to the State Board of Education as an at-large position. Requires one appointed member to be engaged in teaching as a licensed teacher in the state. Removes requirement that appointed members may not be engaged in teacher or participate in the administration or operation of any school. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Teacher voice and vote on the Oregon's State Board of Education (SBE)
- Other states' membership on state boards of education
- Expertise of teachers
- -1 amendment
- Number of members on current SBE board
- Number of at-large positions
- How the bill would affect current board member positions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Requires State Board of Education to include one appointed member from the state at large who is engaged in teaching as a licensed teacher in the state. Removes requirement that appointed members may not be engaged in teaching or participate in the administration or operation of any school. Applies to appointments made on or after the effective date the act.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 326.021 requires the State Board of Education to consist of seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, with Secretary of State and the State Treasurer, or their designees, serving as ex-officio, non-voting members. The statute requires the Governor to appoint one member from each congressional district and two members from the state at large. Under current law, the Governor is prohibited from appointing a member who is engaged in teaching or school administration. House Bill 2512 adds an at-large member to the State Board of Education, increasing board positions from seven to eight and requires the Governor to appoint one member who is engaged in teaching as a licensed teacher in the state. It removes the requirement that an appointed member not participate in school administration or operations.