

SB 5537

Teachers Standards and Practices Commission

SB 5537 is the budget bill for the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission.

The Commission is responsible for licensing teachers and other educators, accrediting educator preparation programs, and monitoring the conduct of its licensees.

The Education Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$8,868,774 Other Funds for the Commission. A vacant position in the licensing unit is transferred to the investigations unit to address workload issues and backlogs. An Information Systems Specialist position is eliminated and replaced by a Director of Program Approval position. This new position will address the increased need to assist educator preparation programs at Oregon's colleges and universities that are approved by the Commission. A reduction of \$150,000 in services and supplies was also recommended.

The budget assumes an increase in fees. For the basic five-year teaching license, the fee is increased from \$140 to \$168. It is anticipated that this increase should be sufficient until the 2023-25 biennium under current licensing trends and Commission staffing.

The KPMs were discussed and it was recognized the agency had made improvements, but there was still room for significant improvement.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 5537 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.