

HB 2512 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Doherty

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/04/19

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Hernandez, Neron, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman, Wallan

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/30, 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires one member on State Board of Education (SBE) be engaged in teaching as a licensed teacher. Increases SBE voting members from seven to eight. Removes requirement that appointed members may not be engaged in teaching or school administration. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interest in having a teacher on State Board of Education while serving as voting member
- Voting implications when board membership increases from seven to eight members

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 326.021 requires seven voting members on the State Board of Education (SBE) appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, with the Secretary of State and State Treasurer serving as ex-officio board members. Five of the voting members represent Oregon's five congressional districts and two members represent the state at large. ORS 326.021 prevents an appointed member from being engaged in teaching or participating in the administration or operation of any school. SBE members serve four-year terms and meet at least six times per year. The Oregon Department of Education website indicates that the SBE has three advisors, including one student advisor.

House Bill 2512 adds a member who is engaged in teaching, as a licensed teacher, to the State Board of Education. It removes the requirement that an appointed member may not be engaged in teaching or school operations. This measure would increase the number of board members from seven to eight.