

HB 2457 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Findley

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/04/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Student Success. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

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

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/20, 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires specified evaluations by Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC), Oregon Department of Education (ODE), and Office of Child Care to increase number of math, science, and career and technical program educators in Eastern Oregon Economic Development Region for grades 9 through 12. Requires report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Sunsets December 31, 2024. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Making standards comparable for Oregon and Idaho teachers
- Efforts by TSPC to remove barriers for teachers while maintaining standards

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Changes report due date and sunset from 2020 to 2024.

BACKGROUND:

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) is responsible for developing standards for educator preparation programs and licensing teachers in Oregon. The equivalent regulatory functions in Idaho are administered by the State Department of Education. It is responsible for licensing educators as well as implementing policies, distributing funds, administering statewide assessments, and providing data.

To increase the number of educators in the Eastern Oregon Economic Development Region to teach grades 9-12 math, science, and career and technical programs, House Bill 2457-A requires TSPC, ODE, and the Office of Child Care to conduct certain assessments. It requires TSPC to examine aligning licensing requirements in Oregon and Idaho; it requires TSPC and ODE to jointly evaluate methods for promoting career advancement; and it requires the Office of Child Care to evaluate implementation of a streamlined process to improve in-home and family-provided child care. These entities are required to report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024 and these provisions sunset December 31, 2024.