

**HB 2964 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Sollman

**House Committee On Education**

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**Action Date:** 03/11/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (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:** 3/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to create Oregon Education Support Professional of the Year Program. Requires ODE and Oregon State Lottery Commission collaborate to honor and recognize education support professionals serving students in grades prekindergarten through 12. Establishes qualifications for eligible candidates. Allows State Board of Education to adopt rules specifying application process, selection criteria, and any duties of recipient.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Grammatical error in "relating to" clause for HB 2673 requiring gut and stuff in HB 2964
- Interest in supporting both educators and support staff
- Finding ways to acknowledge educational support professionals who attended hearing

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Education support professionals work in schools supporting student needs beyond the classroom, including in clerical services, custodial and maintenance, transportation services, food services, health and student services, and security. Some examples of professions are bus drivers, cafeteria workers, nurses, and custodians. Other states have Education Support Professional Awards, such as Wisconsin, which recognizes outstanding work by education support professional members who made significant contributions to the cause of the union and public education.

House bill 2964-A establishes the Oregon Education Support Professional of the Year Award to be granted by the Oregon Department of Education in collaboration with the Oregon State Lottery Commission. The applicant should demonstrate they excel in their field, collaborate with colleagues, demonstrate leadership and innovation, and express themselves in an engaging and articulate way.