

HB 2031 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/25/19

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 9-0-0-0

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

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/18, 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that educator who is certified by national professional organization for teaching standards be teaching in public school in order to qualify for educator license fee waiver. Applies to educator licenses renewed on or after effective date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interest in statute reflecting current practice of providing grants to public school teachers
- Clarification that “public school” also refers to “public charter school”

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2763 (2017) and Senate Bill 1520 (2018) authorized the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to reimburse teachers for their initial National Board certification and their educator license fee, if the educator is licensed by the national professional organization for teaching standards. TSPC indicated the intention of the measure was to benefit teachers in all public schools, including public charter schools, and this measure only clarifies this. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards provides national certification for teachers.

House Bill 2031 allows only teachers teaching in public schools to qualify for the educator license fee waiver.