

HB 2457 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Heard**Senate Committee On Education**

Action Date: 05/13/19
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 3-0-0-2
Yeas: 3 - Gelser, Hass, Wagner
Abs: 2 - Heard, Thomsen
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 4/15, 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to evaluate whether licensing requirements may be waived or modified to more closely match requirements in Idaho and to make educator positions in the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region more competitive with similar positions in Idaho. Requires TSPC and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to evaluate career advancement and mentorship of new teachers in the border region. Establishes that the purpose of the evaluations is to increase the number of teachers for math, science, and career and technical education (CTE) courses in the border region. Requires the Office of Child Care to evaluate whether a streamlined process can increase the availability of in-home and family-provided child care in the border region. Requires TSPC, ODE, and the Office of Child Care to report evaluation results to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2024. Sunsets on December 31, 2024. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Idaho's increasing population along Oregon border
- Economic status of Malheur County
- Oregon Border Economic Development Region
- Supply of teachers in border region
- Availability of licensed child care in border region
- Teacher retention
- Teacher salaries in Oregon and Idaho
- Career and technical education
- Aligning Oregon teaching licensure with Idaho requirements
- Maintaining high standards
- Labor and economic factors

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law defines the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region as the part of the state that: is within 20 miles of the Oregon border with the State of Idaho, and that includes, but is not limited to, the cities of Ontario, Vale, and Nyssa; includes Willow Creek and Brogan; is an area in Oregon that is across the Oregon border from Weiser, Idaho; and an area southwest of Vale for a distance of 10 miles. The purpose of the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region is to identify policies and strategies that will promote workforce and economic growth; facilitate development or prevent decline of regionally significant industrial sites; create or maintain jobs; and improve access to CTE, workforce training programs, and higher education to enhance local

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workforce skills. It is governed by a seven-member board appointed by the Governor. One of the priorities of the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board is to identify areas where differences in professional licensing and certification standards between Oregon and Idaho place the Oregon border region at a disadvantage. House Bill 2457 A requires TSPC, ODE, and the Office of Child Care to evaluate state requirements to facilitate licensure reciprocity, improve teacher retention rates, and increase the availability of childcare in the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region.