SB 129 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases maximum fee collected by Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) for issuance of an educator license. Establishes fees for approved educator preparation providers. Requires fees for school districts, public charter schools, and education service districts. Allows TSPC to determine new fees by rule. Allows TSPC to collect attorneys fees and costs if it prevails at certain hearings. Allows TSPC to impose civil penalties in disciplinary cases and take additional disciplinary action under certain circumstances.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission is Oregon's licensing agency for educators. The agency is funded entirely by the fees it collects. Senate Bill 129 would increase the maximum allowable fees for licensees and establish new fees for educator preparation programs and education providers.