

## SB 129 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Education

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**Action Date:** 03/31/21

**Action:** Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Gorsek, Robinson, Thomsen

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/8, 3/31

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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.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Teacher Standards and Practices Commission budget
- Fees
- Impact on licensees

#### 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.