

SB 334 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/12/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 3-2-0-0

Yeas: 3 - Dembrow, Gelser, Gorsek

Nays: 2 - Robinson, Thomsen

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/31, 4/5, 4/7, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires education provider governing bodies to conduct self-assessment every two years to develop professional learning plan for district leaders. Establishes self-assessment and plan requirements. Requires first self-assessment be completed by September 1, 2022. Requires Oregon Department of Education to establish advisory group on professional learning and training. Establishes advisory group membership and duties. Requires directors and superintendents of school districts and education service districts to comply with training requirements. Requires charter school governing body members to comply with training requirements. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for training of superintendents and school board members
- Lack of current training opportunities
- Licensure requirements

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

There are currently few uniform training standards that apply uniformly to school district, education service district, and charter school leaders in Oregon. Board members and superintendents organized by the Oregon School Boards Association and the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators worked together beginning in the fall of 2020 to create uniform training requirements. Senate Bill 334 A requires education providers to adopt training plans for district leaders.