HB 3383 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds two additional members to State Board of Education, including one member from Oregon's sixth congressional district and one classified staff member. Adjusts membership of Teacher Standards and Practices Commission by removing one member of the general public and adding one classified staff member. Permits members of Educator Advancement Council to be classified staff in addition to educators, early learning professionals, or school district board members. Adjusts membership of Oregon Educators Benefit Board by removing one of two members with expertise in health policy or risk management and adding one classified staff member. Applies amendments to vacancies that occur on or after effective date. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of classified staff in school operations
- Value of classified staff participation in decision making

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Requires one member-at-large of State Board of Education to be parent of student in public school who is not licensed teacher or classified staff member. Adds two additional members of general public to Teacher Standards and Practices Commission and prohibits members of general public from otherwise qualifying for membership on commission.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the State Board of Education consists of the State Treasurer or designee, Secretary of State or designee, and seven members appointed by the governor. Of those 7 members, 5 represent the former Oregon congressional districts and two serve as at-large members, one of whom is required to be engaged in teaching as a licensed teacher in the state. The two members added to the board by House Bill 3383 include one member to increase the number of members representing congressional districts from 5 to 6, to account for the additional congressional seat added after the 2020 census, and one at-large member who is required to be engaged as a classified staff member in a public school or education service district in the state.

The 17 members of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission currently consist of 4 elementary teachers, 4 middle school or high school teachers, 1 elementary school administrator, 1 middle school or high school administrator, 1 school district superintendent, 1 education service district superintendent, 1 faculty member from a private educator preparation provider, 1 faculty member from a public educator preparation provider, and 2 members of the general public.

The Educator Advancement Council currently consists of members representing the Oregon Department of Education, the Early Learning Division, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, a school district, and an education service district; up to 10 members who are practicing educators, early learning providers and professionals, and school district board members; and up to 10 members representing certain stakeholder groups. House Bill 3383 modifies this second membership group by including classified staff among education professionals who can be appointed to the council.

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Membership of the Oregon Educators Benefit Board currently consists of at least 10 members, including 2 members representing district boards; 2 members representing district management; 2 members representing nonmanagement district employees from the largest labor organization representing district employees; 1 member representing nonmanagement district employees from the second largest labor organization representing district employees; 1 member representing nonmanagement district employees not represented by the two largest labor organizations; and 2 members with expertise in health policy and risk management.

House Bill 3383 modifies the membership of State Board of Education, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, Educator Advancement Council, and Oregon Educators Benefit Board to account for the addition of a sixth congressional district in Oregon and to add members who are employed as classified staff at a public school or for an education service district to each body.