

HB 3178 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies provisions relating to scholarships for culturally and linguistically diverse educator preparation students. Defines teacher candidate as a candidate for any profession licensed, registered, or certified by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission except administrators. Increases amount of scholarship to \$12,000 annually.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

HOUSE VOTE: Passed. Ayes, 36; Nays, 18; Excused, 5; Excused for Business of the House, 1.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Successes of Oregon Teacher Scholars program
- Need for increasing diversity among Oregon's educators
- Need for increasing award amounts

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 182, establishing the Educator Advancement Council (EAC) under an intergovernmental agreement and establishing the Oregon Teacher Scholars Program (OTSP). Currently, OTSP provides scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 for culturally and linguistically diverse teacher candidates to use at approved educator preparation providers. Scholarship recipients may receive funding for up to two years.

House Bill 3178 A expands the amount awarded to \$12,000 annually for certain scholarship recipients.