HB 3383 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate 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.

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

HOUSE VOTE: Ayes, 45; Nays, 12; Excused, 3

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Value and role of classified staff in school operations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 seven members, five 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 five to six, 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 four elementary teachers, four middle school or high school teachers, one elementary school administrator, one middle school or high school administrator, one school district superintendent, one education service district superintendent, one faculty member from a private educator preparation provider, one faculty member from a public educator preparation provider, and two 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 two members representing district boards; two members representing district management; two members representing nonmanagement district employees from the largest labor organization representing district employees; one member representing nonmanagement district employees from the second largest labor organization representing district employees; one member representing nonmanagement district employees not represented by the two largest labor organizations; and two members with expertise in health policy and risk management.

House Bill 3383 modifies the membership of the State Board of Education, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, the Educator Advancement Council, and the 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 an education service district to each body.