

HB 3041 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure replaces the intergovernmental agreement for the Educator Advancement Council (EAC) with a organization supported by staff from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). The measure provides for the transition from the current arrangement to the proposed organizational structure.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

Detailed Summary

Section 1

Deletes the intergovernmental agreement for the Educator Advancement Council (EAC), creates the Educator Advancement Council as an organization within the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), and establishes the purposes of the EAC. Requires the Department of Education, Department of Early Learning and Care, Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to each appoint a member and requires the standing members to appoint fifteen additional rotating members who are teachers, school administrators, and stakeholders. Requires a majority of standing and a majority of rotating members for a quorum and establishes the following duties for the Council: establish a system of educator networks, coordinate distributions of money from the Educator Advancement Fund, connect educator networks and facilitate communications within and among those networks, and continuously assess the needs of educators and coordinate priorities based on funds available. Requires ODE to support the council, allows the member departments to adopt rules on behalf of the council, and allows the EAC to adopt rules to conduct the work required by this section, ORS 329.820 to 329.820, and ORS 342.943.

Section 2

Makes Section 1 effective on January 1, 2026.

Section 3

Transitions the Educator Advancement Council from an intergovernmental agreement to a statutory body, terminates the intergovernmental agreement organization on December 31, 2025, and requires each agency described in the act to appoint a representative by January 1, 2026. Requires the standing members to appoint the 15 rotating members by January 31, 2026.

Section 4

Repeals Section 3 on January 2, 2028.

Section 5

Provides an effective date of 91 days after the end of the 2025 regular session of the 83rd Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purpose of the organization
- Structure of the organization
- Process to change governing document

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. The intergovernmental agreement was executed on March 20, 2018. Parties to the agreement were the Chief Education Office, Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Early Learning Division, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, High Desert Education Service District, and Beaverton School District. Under the provisions of Senate Bill 182, parties to the agreement could appoint members to the Council. A majority of those Council members could then appoint others. Staff support was provided by the Chief Education Office until its sunset in 2019. Since that time, staff support has been provided by ODE.

In 2021, House Bill 2166 modified requirements for the intergovernmental agreement. In 2023, Senate Bill 275 repealed the portion of HB 2166 modifying the intergovernmental agreement.