

HB 5043 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

HB 5043 ratifies an administrative rule change regarding a licensing system fee of \$10. Previously, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission collected \$5, and the licensing system vendor collected \$10, for a total customer payment of \$15. Due to a legal settlement with the licensing system vendor, \$5 of the vendor's fee is now transferred to the Commission. The total customer payment remains unchanged.

This measure is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact; however, TSPC anticipates the additional \$5 in revenue per license transaction will generate approximately \$230,000 of new revenue each biennium.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- New revenue
- No impact to licensees

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment removes all language from a blank appropriation measure and inserts language approving the adoption of a \$10 licensing system fee.

BACKGROUND:

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) processes licensing and endorsement applications for teacher and administrators. A new online portal was developed for educators to apply for licensure. Effective January 1, 2016, TSPC collected fees related to the online processing of licenses and endorsements. OAR 584-200-0050 established a licensing system fee of \$5 for TSPC and an online portal provider fee of \$10, paid to the IT company hosting the licensing system. In January 2025, a legal settlement regarding the effectiveness of the IT solution resulted in changes to the fee structure. TSPC received a payment of \$350,000 toward the cost of a new online licensing system and was awarded \$5 of the IT company's \$10 portal fee. The legal agreement is in place until the agency finishes development of a new online licensing system, which is currently under development.