

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Teacher Standards and Practices Commission Revenue Increase

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Sollman

On February 12th, the Education Subcommittee received a report from the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission on a comprehensive review of the agency's current and projected revenue.

The report is in response to a budget note within the agency's budget bill, which directed the agency to undertake a comprehensive review of all fee-generated revenue and to propose a new fee structure and alternative options to maintain solvency and ensure financial stability into the foreseeable future. The report details the complex history of workload increases, assesses the impact revenue has on operations, and evaluates potential solutions.

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission recommends a hybrid solution to increasing revenue. Under this scenario, the agency increases the current licensing fees and the Legislature identifies an additional revenue source to defray the cost of licensing. The agency anticipates including a policy option package containing the proposed funding solution during the 2027-29 budget development process.

The Education Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report.