

#### HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE AGENCY OVERVIEW

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# TSPC Primary Functions



The Commission:

- Sets the standards for public school educator licensure;
- Sets the standards and performs program approval visits for Oregon educator licensure programs; and
- Takes disciplinary action against an educator's license.

## TSPC Primary Functions



- Ensure public school education is delivered by qualified, competent, professional educators;
- Ensure colleges and universities provide evidence of effective preparation and are held to high standards;
- Ensure students and the public are protected from educators who engage in misconduct.





To establish, uphold and enforce professional standards of excellence and communicate those standards to the public and educators for the benefit of Oregon's students.

#### **TSPC Goals**



- Establish high standards for educator preparation excellence and regularly review approved programs for delivery of adopted licensure standards.
- Provide leadership for professional licensure standards including standards for: cultural inclusion; educator dispositions; subject-matter competency.

## TSPC Goals (cont)



- Provide timely high quality services to licensees, higher education, and the public.
- Maintain and develop clear, concise and easy to understand administrative rules.
- Establish high standards for educator professional conduct and regularly communicate those standards to the field.

#### History: Oldest Educator Licensure Board in Nation



- First created in 1965; independent agency in 1973;
- 17 commissioners; (8 teachers; 4 administrators; 2 higher education; 3 public);
- Commissioners must be "practicing" to be eligible for appointment by Governor and confirmation by Senate.

#### History: Oldest Educator Licensure Board in Nation



- One of 11 Professional Educator Standards Boards in the nation;
- Over 150,000 educators in database with several hundred thousand more on microfilm;
- Only three Executive Directors in life of agency.

#### **Funding Sources**



### Educator licensure fees;

- Fingerprint fees;
- No General Fund or Lottery Fund revenue.

### Licensure Statistics (Does not reflect employment)



Approximately 60,923 licensed, registered or certified educators in Oregon. (About 1,634 fewer than 2013).

- ✤ 57,956 licensed and registered teachers
- ✤ 4,530 licensed and registered administrators
- 2,446 *licensed* counselors and psychologists
- \* 86 certified school nurses

#### Types of Licenses Issued





#### **Decline in Licensed Educators**

66,000

64,000

62,000





#### Licensure Summary (Includes Employment)



Licensed Teachers and Administrators in Oregon Public Schools				
	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14
<b>Teachers</b> (includes ESD)	28,157	26,873	26,442	26,750
Administrators	2,035	1,995	1,941	1,967
Total Employed by Public Schools (FTE)	30,192	28,868	28,383	28,717
Total Licensed by TSPC	64,882	63,705	62,557	60,923
K-12 Students	561,328	560,946	563,714	567,098

#### Commission Licensure Program Approval



- ORS 342.147 requires the Commission to "establish standards for approval of teacher education institutions and teacher education programs."
- ✓ The Commission is responsible for *reviewing* licensure preparation programs for alignment with the Commission's state approval standards.

### Commission Licensure Program Approval



The Commission has provided state approval to 19 colleges, universities and other education entities (units) to offer licensure preparation for:

- Teachers;
- Administrators;
- School counselors;
- School psychologists; and
- School social workers.

#### Licensure Program Approval (Teachers, Administrators, School Counselors, etc.)



Oregon Educator Preparation Programs (19 units) * = National Accreditation				
Concordia University (Oregon)	*Oregon State University			
Concordia University/COSA (Chicago)	*Pacific University			
Corban University	*Portland State University			
Eastern Oregon University	Salem-Keizer (School Counseling)			
*George Fox University	Southern Oregon University			
*Lewis & Clark College	University of Oregon			
Linfield College	*University of Portland			
Marylhurst University	Warner Pacific College			
Multnomah University	*Western Oregon_University			
Northwest Christian University	ReadOregon (provided by multiple			
	partners)			

#### Oregon Teacher Preparation Program Completers







#### Professional Practices: Discipline-Ethics



An educator's violation of TSPC professional standards may result in:

- Private reproval;
- Reprimand;
- > Probation;
- Suspension or revocation of the educator's license(s); or
- Suspension or revocation of educator's right to apply for licensure.



# **Discipline Caseload History**

**Discipline History 2004-2014** 



#### **Major Initiatives**



- Change name of the Commission from the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to the Oregon Professional Educator Standards Board; (HB 2411)
- Redesigning Licensure System to eliminate former older licenses and create one uniform system for all educators; (HB 2411)
- Implementing the edTPA a new performance assessment for student teachers;

#### **Major Initiatives**



- Implementing a new online application licensing system to replace our "home-grown" data system;
- Update terminology and current practices with outdated statutory language; (HB 2412)
- Increase fees to add staff to eliminate backlog; (SB 5538)
- Purchase software to digitize discipline investigation cases (currently all paper; held in storage). (SB 5538)