

HB 2457 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Student Success

Meeting Dates: 2/20, 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires evaluation be made by Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC), Oregon Department of Education (ODE), and Office of Child Care to increase educators in Eastern Oregon Economic Development Region for math and science in grades 9 through 12, and career technical education. Requires TSPC evaluate whether licensing requirement may be waived or modified to match requirements in Idaho and make educator positions more competitive. Requires TSPC and ODE evaluate methods for promoting career advancement. Requires Office of Child Care evaluate streamlined process to improve in-home and family-provided child care. Requires report out be made no later than September 15, 2020 to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education. Repeals act on December 31, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Making comparable standards for Oregon and Idaho teachers
- Efforts by TSPC to remove barriers for teachers while maintaining standards

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Extends repeal date to December 31, 2024. Extends reporting requirement to September 15, 2024.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) is responsible for developing standards for educator preparation programs and licensing teachers in Oregon. The Idaho State Department of Education is responsible for implementing policies, distributing funds, administering statewide assessment, licensing educators and providing data.

HB 2457 requires TSPC evaluate whether licensing requirements in Oregon should be modified to model after Idaho to increase educators in Eastern Oregon Economic Development Region. It requires TSPC and ODE evaluate methods for promoting career advancement, and the Office of Child Care evaluate the streamlined process. The program sunsets on December 31, 2020.