

HB 2512 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds an eighth member to the State Board of Education as an at-large position. Requires one appointed member to be engaged in teaching as a licensed teacher in the state. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 326.021 provides that State Board of Education must consist of seven, voting members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, with the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer, or their designees, serving as ex-officio, non-voting members. The statute requires the Governor to appoint one member from each congressional district and two members from the state at large. Under current law, the Governor is prohibited from appointing a member who is engaged in teaching or participating in the administration or operation of any school. House Bill 2512 requires the Governor to appoint one member who is engaged in teaching as a licensed teacher in the state. It removes the requirement that an appointed member not participate in school administration or operations. It adds an at-large member to the State Board of Education, increasing board positions from seven to eight.