

**HB 2512 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Wagner

**Senate Committee On Education**

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**Action Date:** 05/20/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Gelser, Hass, Heard, Wagner

**Nays:** 1 - Thomsen

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/22, 5/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires one "at-large" member of the State Board of Education (SBE) to be engaged in teaching as a licensed teacher in the state. Removes requirement that appointed members may not be engaged in teaching or participate in the administration or operation of any school. Applies to appointments made on or after the effective date the act.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impact of teachers' voices and votes on educational policy issues
- Other states' membership on state boards of education
- Expertise of teachers
- Amendment to the measure
- Number of members on current SBE board
- Number of at-large positions
- How the bill would affect the terms of current board members

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 326.021 requires the State Board of Education to consist of seven 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 school administration. House Bill 2512 A requires the Governor to appoint one member from the state at large who is engaged in teaching as a licensed teacher in the state and removes the requirement that an appointed member not participate in school administration or operations.