

SB 232 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education and Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to identify the most effective methods to diversify Oregon's educator workforce. Establishes reporting requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's efforts to diversify its teaching workforce date back to 1991 with passage of the Minority Teacher Act, renamed the Educator equity Act in 2015. According to the 2019 Educator Equity Report, in the 2018-2019 school year, over 38 percent of Oregon's K-12 students were considered ethnically diverse, while only 10 percent of its teachers were. Senate Bill 232 requires the Oregon Department of Education and Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to identify the most effective methods to diversify Oregon's educator workforce.