

HB 3354 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/13/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 6-4-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Alonso Leon, Hudson, Neron, Reardon, Ruiz, Sollman

Nays: 4 - Owens, Smith DB, Weber, Wright

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/23, 4/1, 4/8, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) approve framework for evaluating licensure candidates. Requires that framework use multiple measure to evaluate candidates and includes at least one locally determined measure. Requires that standards for approval of an educator preparation program include that program evaluate candidates using approved framework.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Educator preparation programs
- Shortcomings in current assessment methods
- Use of multiple measures to assess candidates

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon currently uses the edTPA assessment to evaluate candidates for licensure. EdTPA is a performance-based assessment created by the Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning, and Equity (SCALE) at Stanford University as a more practical assessment than other teacher preparation and licensing exams. It was designed to be more equitable than other assessments, although there are still notable inequities in passing rates among demographic subgroups. *EdWeek* reported in 2015 that African-American teacher candidates scored on average 2.4 points lower than white candidates.

Eighteen states have a policy in place requiring an assessment and approving edTPA. Those states are Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Washington. Three states have created their own licensure exams: Massachusetts, New Mexico, and Missouri. Other states use the PRAXIS exams to evaluate teacher licensure candidates. House Bill 3354 A requires the use of multiple measures to evaluate licensure candidates.