

SB 232 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Neron

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 05/25/21

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Hudson, Neron, Owens, Reardon, Ruiz, Smith DB, Sollman, Weber, Wright

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/20, 5/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies provisions of ORS 342.448 relating to Educator Equity Report. Requires Educator Advancement Council to compile report biennially and submit to legislature by September 1 of each even-numbered year. Allows Educator Advancement Council to add additional goals for diversity of educator workforce. Allows Educator Advancement Council to engage in strategic planning to diversify state's educator workforce and recommend legislation. Requires consultation with education preparation providers as well as other state agencies. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of diversifying educator workforce
- Role of Educator Advancement Council
- Development of "grow your own" programs
- Ability of education paraprofessionals to transition to teaching

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 A modifies the requirements related to the Educator Advancement Council's biennial report and the content of the report.