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SB 275 Background

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History

1965: Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) established

1973: TSPC authorized to hire staff and issue licenses

1979: TSPC members' appointment authority changed to Governor

2007: House Bill (HB) [2574](#) mentoring program established

2011: Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) created

2013: House Bill (HB) [3233](#) established the Network for Quality Teaching and Learning

2014: Chief Education Office created



History (cont'd)

2016: Educator Equity Act; OEIB sunset

2017: Educator Advancement Council (EAC) established under intergovernmental agreement with support provided by Chief Education Office

2019: Chief Education Office sunset; EAC transferred staff support functions to Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

2021: House Bill [2166](#) established EAC selecting its own executive director and hiring staff



History (cont'd)

2022 Senator Dembrow charged executive branch to:

Develop input for a plan that supports the educator workforce by better aligning the work of TSPC (the Commission), EAC (the Council), and State Board of Education (the Board) and includes the staff at TSPC, EAC, and ODE.

Design legislation that would strengthen communication between the three organizations and clarifies roles of the bodies and the staff.

Identify potential cost savings; particularly those that could reduce or hold steady the cost of licensure fees.

Advise on governance structures.



Responsibilities (sample only; incomplete list)

	TSPC	EAC	ODE
PD	Oversees licensing/registration, renewal, and required professional development credits associated with renewal	Oversees Regional Educator Networks and professional development generally	
Investigations	Investigations of misconduct for licensees		Investigations of misconduct for unlicensed/classified staff
Background Checks	Background checks for licensees		Background checks for unlicensed/classified staff



Responsibilities (examples only; incomplete list)

	TSPC	EAC	ODE
Educator Development	Oversees educator preparation programs and alternative pathways to licensure	Oversees grow-your-own grants	
Data/Reporting	Maintains data on licensees; assigned responsibility with UO for workforce data (HB 4030)	Responsible for Educator Equity Report	



Other comparisons

	TSPC	EAC	ODE
Funding	Funded entirely by fees	Other Funds	General Fund
Membership	17-member Commission; appointed by Governor, confirmed by Senate	21-member Council; appointed by majority of Council members	7-member State Board; appointed by Governor, confirmed by Senate
Staff	31 FTE	14.6 FTE	811.5 FTE (ar. 300 ELD)
Governance	Independent agency	Operates under intergovernmental agreement; staff support by ODE	Independent agency



SB 275 -1 amendment

- Gives all responsibilities currently assigned to TSPC to ODE
- Repeals EAC's intergovernmental agreement; maintains EAC's support by ODE staff
- Maintains Commission and Council as independent bodies with staff support from ODE
 - Commission retains same membership it currently has
 - Commission retains authority to discipline licensees
 - Council retains same membership it currently has
 - Council retains same responsibilities it had prior to HB 2166 (2021)
- Allows executive branch flexibility to organize the work within ODE as it sees fit

