

## **HB 2609 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Education**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/1

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Removes authority for Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to charge fees to education preparation providers. 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:**

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission is Oregon's licensing agency for educators. The agency is funded entirely by the fees it collects. In 2021, Senate Bill 129 granted TSPC the authority to charge a fee to educator preparation providers (EPPs) based on the number of license applications received by the commission from that provider. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means added a sunset date of January 1, 2026, for the EPP fee to the bill.

In accordance with SB 129, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission submitted a report to the legislature on education preparation provider fees on March 24, 2022. The report lays out the proposed fee schedule for institutions and notes that the TSPC voted to delay collection of fees for the 2021-23 biennium. The first round of EPP fees will be due July 1, 2023.

HB 2609 sunsets the authority of TSPC to collect fees from education preparation providers, effective on passage.

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) is Oregon's licensing agency for educators and approves educator preparation programs (EPPs) that operate in Oregon. The agency is funded entirely by the fees it collects. Senate Bill 129 (2021) established new fees for educator preparation programs and education providers, and included a sunset date for the collection of those fees on January 1, 2026.

In accordance with Senate Bill 129 (2021), TSPC released a report on EPP fees on March 24, 2022. The report proposes a fee schedule for EPPs based on the number of license applications from the provider and, for schools with a number of license applications below the threshold set in rule, based on the total number of programs offered by a provider. The report also notes that TSPC voted to delay collecting fees during the 2021-2023 biennium, and that the upcoming due date for annual fees is July 1, 2023.

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