

HB 3177 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$20,000,000 to the Oregon Department of Education for deposit in the Educator Advancement Fund for recruiting and retaining educators.

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:

In 2017, the legislature enacted Senate Bill 182, establishing the Educator Advancement Council (EAC) under an intergovernmental agreement. The intergovernmental agreement was executed on March 20, 2018. Parties to the agreement were the Chief Education Office, Oregon Department of Education, Early Learning Division, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, High Desert Education Service District, and Beaverton School District. Under the provisions of Senate Bill 182, parties to the agreement could appoint members to the Council. A majority of those Council members could then appoint others. Staff support was provided by the Chief Education Office until its sunset in 2019. Since that time, staff support has been provided by ODE.

EAC has an executive director and is responsible for professional development for educators, establishing and maintaining a set of Regional Educator Networks (RENs), conducting a biennial survey of the state's educators, issuing grow-your-own grants, and drafting a biennial educator equity report. EAC is supported by 14.6 FTE staff.

In 2021, House Bill 2166 modified the requirements for EAC's intergovernmental agreement, allowing the Council to appoint a director who could then hire staff. However, EAC was not made a state agency.

House Bill 3177 appropriates \$20,000,000 to the Oregon Department of Education for the Educator Advancement Fund.