

HB 3178 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies provisions relating to scholarships for culturally and linguistically diverse educator preparation students. Adds eligibility for culturally and linguistically diverse teacher candidates who are first-generation enrollees of an approved educator preparation program that has a plan for increasing diversity approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. Sets award amounts for newly eligible teacher candidates at \$12,000 per academic year for a maximum of two years.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Successes of Oregon Teacher Scholars program
- Need for increasing diversity among Oregon's educators
- Need for increasing award amounts

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Defines teacher candidate as a candidate for any TSPC-licensed profession except administrators. Increases amount of scholarship to \$12,000 annually.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, the legislature enacted Senate Bill 182, establishing the Educator Advancement Council (EAC) under an intergovernmental agreement and establishing the Oregon Teacher Scholars Program (OTSP). Currently, OTSP provides scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 for culturally and linguistically diverse teacher candidates to use at approved educator preparation providers. Scholarship recipients may receive funding for up to two years.

House Bill 3178 expands the amount awarded to \$12,000 annually for certain scholarship recipients.