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I oppose this bill!!!! It duplicates the current oversight set up. By combining them, the efficiency goes DOWN!!! NOT Up!!!

This bill merges the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) within the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). The proposed cost would be \$1.9 million dollars above the cost of what it would take to continue to operate TSPC as a stand-alone agency. There are duplication of work by TSPC and ODE. The merging of the agencies could potentially hinder the upgrade to the application system that is underway. Misconduct investigations conducted by TSPC and ODE are not being completed in a timely manner due to insufficient staffing at both agencies, and a merger would cause both agencies to fall further behind

It is a good example of wasting tax money of just under 2 M !!! Oregon leaders must become more concerned about trimming the budget!!!

Thank you , Mark Zirkle