

SB 805 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Sollman

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/24/25

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Robinson, Sollman, Weber

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/29, 2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure reduces the time within which the Teacher Standards and Practice Commission (TSPC) can close a complaint if no attempts were made to resolve it at the local level, from twelve months to six months. It applies to complaints filed with TSPC on or after January 1, 2026.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- TSPC's ability to reopen a case after the deadline
- Teacher licensing requirements

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) was established in 1965 to ensure that Oregon schools have access to well trained, effective, and accountable licensed educational professionals. Currently, when a person files a complaint other than an allegation of sexual conduct, TSPC may require that the complainant attempts to resolve the complaint at the local level before it begins an investigation. Under current law, if the commission does not receive verification within twelve months from when it issued the notification, the commission does not have a duty to investigate.