

## HB 3200 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Education

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**Action Date:** 04/09/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.  
(Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 7-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Dobson, Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Nguyen H, Ruiz, Wright

**Nays:** 1 - Harbick

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/12, 4/9

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies eligibility for the Oregon Teacher Scholars Program from culturally and linguistically diverse candidates to candidates who have experience with diverse populations. It requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to adopt rules and allows students who received the scholarship prior to this measure to continue to be eligible for the scholarship. The measure directs the Oregon Department of Education to allocate at least \$10 million from Statewide Education Initiatives Account to HECC. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impacts of the scholarship on multicultural and linguistically diverse teachers
- Eligibility requirements for the Oregon Teacher Scholars Program
- Funding source of the program

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces the measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

In 2017, [Senate Bill 182](#) established the Oregon Teacher Scholars Program which awarded \$5,000 to culturally diverse or linguistically diverse teacher candidates each year for two academic years. In 2023, [House Bill 5043](#) increased the award to \$12,000 each year for two academic years.

According to the [Educator Advancement Council](#), between 2018 and 2024, the Oregon Teacher Scholars Program awarded scholarships to 838 participants, totalling \$6,885,014. The program is administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.