A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 717

Ordered by the Senate April 7
Including Senate Amendments dated April 7

Sponsored by Senator GORSEK (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act directs HECC to create a pilot program that gives money to student teachers. The Act sunsets on January 2, 2028. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.0).

Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish a pilot program to provide stipends for student teachers and the educators who mentor student teachers for licensure. Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

1   **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2   Relating to stipends for student teachers.

3   **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4   **SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall establish at least**

5   **one pilot program at a public or private institution of higher education in this state to pro-**

6   **vide stipends to student teachers and educators who mentor student teachers for licensure.**

7   **(2) Under the pilot program:**

8   **(a) The institution of higher education shall partner with one or more school districts in**

9   **this state to provide stipends to student teachers and educators who mentor student teach-**

10   **ers for licensure.**

11   **(b) Priority must be given to student teachers:**

12   **(A) From underrepresented backgrounds;**

13   **(B) Who work in a school district located in a rural area of this state; and**

14   **(C)(i) Who work in special education; or**

15   **(ii) Who work in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.**

16   **SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

17   **(2) Section 1 of this 2025 Act applies to the 2026-2027 school year.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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