



# Presentation to Senate Judiciary Committee

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# What the Bill Does – SB 804

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Deters educators from misconduct, including failure to report misconduct and failure to remove unlicensed educator from active assignment.

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**Allows TSPC to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation** in addition to other disciplinary action.

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Places **greater burden on those engaging in misconduct for the costs** associated with their investigations rather than passing costs on to every licensed educator.

# Why Change Is Needed – SB 804

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- Increasing Department of Justice costs likely to raise educator fees
  - Detering repeat offenses will help to lower overall number of investigations, reducing backlog
  - Currently, all costs associated with complaints and investigations of educator misconduct lie with every Oregon educator through their licensing fees. (No general funds cover any costs of complaints or investigations.)

*Placing a greater burden on those who engage in misconduct will reduce the need for raising fees for Oregon educators who have not engaged in these behaviors.*