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SB 805-1 Presentation to Senate Education Committee

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Senate Bill 805-1

What the Bill Does – SB 805-1

Currently

- ORS 342.176(1)(B) requires TSPC wait 12 months before closing a case where the patron/complainant has failed to respond for requests of such verification.
- Currently, TSPC does not have authority to assign civil penalties.

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- SB 805-1 would allow TSPC to close these cases after 6 months.
- SB 805-1 would give TSPC authority to assign educators found to have engaged in misconduct a civil penalty of up to \$1000 per violation

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

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

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

Aids TSPC in more accurate recordkeeping to understand case numbers and guide assignments

Why Change is Needed

- Most of the time, the patron never contacts TSPC again, leaving an open case in the docket for a whole year.
- Having an open case on the books for so long artificially inflates our open case rate and impacts case assignments.
- Should the local resolution process take longer than the proposed 6 months, the patron can refile their complaint with TSPC, and a new case would be opened at that time.

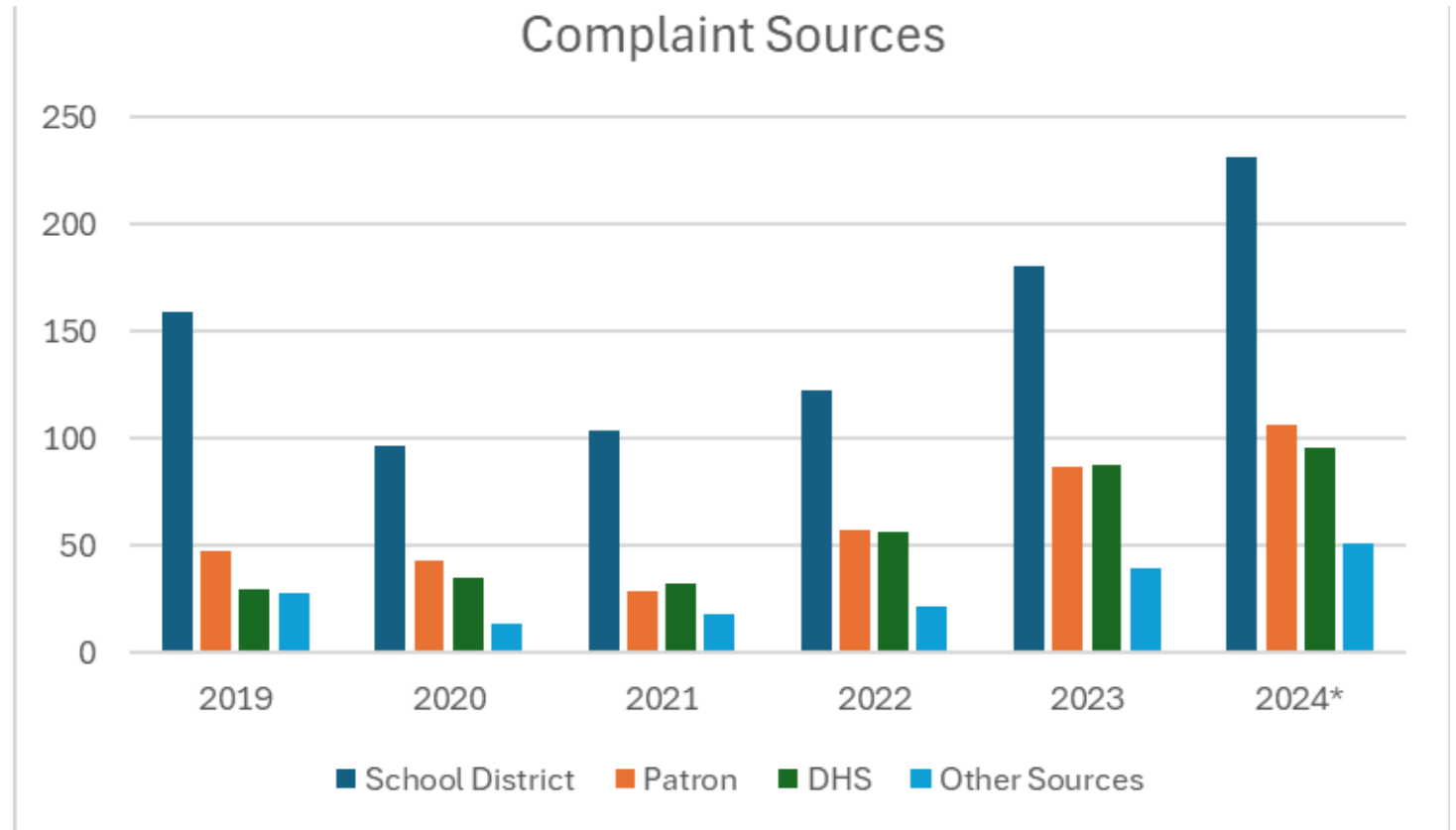
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- Increasing Department of Justice costs likely to raise educator fees
 - Detering repeat offenses will help to lower overall number of investigations, reducing backlog
 - Currently, all costs associated with complaints and investigations of educator 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.

Cost/Benefit Analysis

- In 2024 TSPC received 107 patron/public complaints
- Accurate numbers necessary to balance work assignments and inform staffing decisions
- Fiscal impact of -1 amendment anticipated to increase revenue by up to \$800,000 per biennium



Questions?



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