

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Dallum, Greenlick, Komp, Krummel, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/1 (Education Innovation Subcommittee), 3/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes date of district's refusal to renew contract of a probationary teacher from April 1 to March 15. Applies to contracts renewed on or after the effective date of Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Date of notice for contract teacher (March 15)
- April 1 vs. March 15 notice date for probationary teacher
- History of April 1 notice date

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment

BACKGROUND: ORS 342.513, which covers renewal or nonrenewal of teacher contracts, states that "Each district school board shall give written notice of the renewal or nonrenewal of the contract for the following school year by March 15 of each year to all teachers and administrators in its employ who are not contract teachers as defined in ORS 342.815. In case the district school board does not renew the contract, the material reason therefore shall, at the request of the teacher or administrator, be included in the records of the school district, and the board shall furnish a statement of the reason for nonrenewal to the teacher or administrator." ORS 342.895, which covers contract teachers, also makes reference to March 15 notice date.

A University of Oregon Education Administrative Law Class review noted that ORS 342.835, which covers probationary teachers, and ORS 342.513 use different notice dates, with ORS 342.835 being the only section that uses an April 1 notice date. The Oregon School Board Association reports that school districts currently use the March 15 date, which they say is preferred. HB 2675 would put ORS 342.835 in conformity with ORS 342.513 and ORS 342.895 and make March 15 the uniform notice date.