

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits person convicted of misdemeanor prostitution to be issued teaching, personnel service, or administrative license or registration by Teacher Standards and Practices Commissions if person is determined fit to be teacher and conviction was more than five years prior to date of application. Allows school district to employ or contract with person convicted of misdemeanor prostitution if district determines person is fit to be employed by or contract with district and date of conviction is more than five year prior to employment or contract.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of amendments
- Class of misdemeanor included
- Reasons for disqualifying teacher applicants
- Case by case evaluation of teacher applicants in other states

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Permits issuance of license or registration, or employment or contract with district, if conviction of misdemeanor prostitution is more than five years prior to date of application.

BACKGROUND: ORS 342.121 requires the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to issue licenses to teachers and administrators who possess the minimum competencies, knowledge and skills to teach and administer in the public schools of Oregon. Statute and administrative rule set forth requirements to become a licensed teacher. SB 724A would allow the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to license people convicted of the misdemeanor of prostitution or a similar crime to become teachers or be employed by districts.