

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/6, 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to issue public reprimand, suspend or revoke the right of an individual enrolled in an approved teacher education institution or program to apply for a license or registration under certain circumstances. Requires TSPC to annually notify school districts and education service districts of such suspensions or revocations. Removes five year limitation on TSPC's power to revoke license or registration following conviction for certain crimes. Prohibits issuing a license to any person whose registration or license has been revoked in another jurisdiction for conduct substantially equivalent to existing grounds for revocation. Clarifies authority of TSPC to deny, suspend or revoke a license solely for conviction of certain crimes. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of measure creation
- Age of affected individuals

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 47A clarifies the authority of the TSPC to take action against student teachers determined to be ineligible for licensing. The TSPC has been fingerprinting student teachers for some time but does not currently have the authority to remove them from student teaching positions if their records contain information that would make them ineligible to be licensed as teachers.