

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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: Requires first-time license or registration applicants to Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to demonstrate knowledge of ethical standards of professional conduct as determined by the commission. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Increasing amount of ethics materials available to applicants
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current statute requires applicants for teaching licenses to demonstrate knowledge of the federal Civil Rights Act as well as other federal and state statutes prohibiting discrimination on a test administered by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. The test on civil rights was recently updated and augmented to include ethical standards of conduct. The new test will be administered beginning September 1, 2009.