

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Yeas:	Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser
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Meeting Dates:	5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies types of teaching licenses that are valid for teaching in alternative education programs. States that such licenses must be issued by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. Specifies for alternative education programs that student's enrollment must be approved by resident school district if student is a resident in that district. Specifies for alternative education programs that student's enrollment must be approved by resident and attending school district if student is not resident of the district. Specifies that school district offering the student's program is eligible for student's State School Fund distribution. Provides that revisions to statute first apply to the 2009-2010 school year. Declares emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Licensing requirements for alternative education programs
- Need for specific teaching licenses for teaching alternative education programs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 336.635 currently provides that "Any Oregon teaching license is valid for teaching all subjects and grade levels in an alternative education program operated by a school district or education service district." Senate Bill 122A specifies that only basic, standard, initial, or continuing teaching licenses issued by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission are valid for teaching in such programs.