

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Bill 374**

Sponsored by Senator BONAMICI; Senators ATKINSON, BATES, BURDICK, COURTNEY, DEVLIN, DINGFELDER, HASS, JOHNSON, KRUSE, METSGER, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, MORRISSETTE, NELSON, PROZANSKI, ROSENBAUM, SCHRADER, STARR, TELFER, VERGER, WALKER, WHITSETT, Representatives BAILEY, BARTON, BRUUN, BUCKLEY, CAMERON, CANNON, CLEM, DEMBROW, D EDWARDS, ESQUIVEL, GARRETT, GELSER, GILLIAM, GREENLICK, HARKER, HOLVEY, KOMP, KRIEGER, OLSON, READ, RILEY, J SMITH, STIEGLER, THATCHER, THOMPSON, WHISNANT, WINGARD (at the request of Classroom Law Project)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to Oregon Civics Day for Teachers; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas studies show that most students lack a proficient understanding of civics, including government, history, law and democracy; and

Whereas teachers' understanding of civics will help them provide high-quality instruction in civics; now, therefore,

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. (1) The first Friday in December is known as the Oregon Civics Day for Teachers.**

**(2) The purpose of the Oregon Civics Day for Teachers is to give teachers the opportunity to learn about civics in Oregon for the purpose of assisting them in providing high-quality instruction in civics.**

**(3) School districts are urged to encourage teachers to participate in professional development opportunities that are focused on civics and that are provided on the first Friday in December.**

**SECTION 2. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect July 1, 2009.**

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**Passed by Senate March 12, 2009**

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Secretary of Senate

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President of Senate

**Passed by House May 29, 2009**

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Speaker of House

**Received by Governor:**

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**Approved:**

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**Filed in Office of Secretary of State:**

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