

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 5 - 1 - 2  
**Yeas:** Barnhart, Berger, Wingard, Hunt, Olson  
**Nays:** Holvey  
**Exc.:** Freeman, Garrett  
**Prepared By:** Jim Stenbridge, Administrator and Victoria Cox, Committee Staff  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/9, 5/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Eliminates registration of private elementary and secondary schools by Department of Education (ODE). Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Low threshold for registration
- Potential savings of \$100,000 per biennium for ODE
- Personnel shift to oversight of career schools
- Continuing provision of background checks to private schools for a fee

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, 367 private elementary and secondary schools are registered with the Department of Education. Registration has allowed teachers of registered private schools to use their experience to renew their licenses through the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). However, in 2009 TSPC repealed Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 584-048-0015, that allowed private school teachers to credit experience gained at Oregon private elementary and secondary schools regardless of registration with ODE.

During the 2009-10 interim, a work group was convened to review and make recommendations on reducing education provider mandates. Senate Bill 26 represents one of the recommendations from the workgroup.