

House Bill 2292

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows initial teaching license issuance to persons with approved doctoral degrees, persons who have passed approved national subject area tests and persons with equivalent teaching licenses from another state. Allows issuance of continuing teaching license to same persons.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to teacher certification; amending ORS 342.136 and 342.138.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 342.136 is amended to read:

5 342.136. (1) An initial teaching, personnel service or administrative license shall qualify its
6 holder to accept any assignment from preprimary through grade 12 for which the holder has com-
7 pleted the requirements established by the rules of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commis-
8 sion.

9 (2) An initial license shall be issued on application to an otherwise qualified person who has:

10 (a)(A) Completed an approved professional education program;

11 (B) **Received a valid doctoral degree from an institution of higher education accredited
12 by a regional accrediting association;**

13 (C) **Received, through a national or regional certification process approved by the com-
14 mission, certification for an area of teaching specialty by passing a national or regional ex-
15 amination designed to assess the person's skills in the area of teaching specialty; or**

16 (D) **Received a teaching license from another state under a process equivalent to the
17 standards set forth in this paragraph; and**

18 (b) Meets such other requirements as the commission may consider necessary to maintain and
19 improve the quality of instruction in the public schools of the state.

20 (3) An initial license may be renewed if the applicant meets the requirements established by the
21 commission by rule.

22 (4) **A license obtained under subsection (2)(a)(B), (C) or (D) of this section may be limited
23 by the commission to the subject areas in which the person has demonstrated proficiency.**

24 **SECTION 2.** ORS 342.138 is amended to read:

25 342.138. (1) A continuing teaching, personnel service or administrative license shall qualify the
26 holder to accept any assignments for preprimary through grade 12 for which the holder has com-
27 pleted the advanced requirements established by the rules of the Teacher Standards and Practices
28 Commission.

29 (2) A continuing license shall be issued on application for five years to an otherwise qualified
30 person who has:

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (a)(A) Completed an advanced professional education program approved by the commission; or
2 (B) For a person qualifying for an initial teaching license under ORS 342.136 (2)(a)(B) or
3 (C), or under ORS 342.136 (2)(a)(D) from another state by meeting requirements equivalent
4 to those of 342.136 (2)(a)(B) or (C), completed a comprehensive mentoring program approved
5 by the commission and received satisfactory recommendations from supervisory adminis-
6 trators of the person as determined by the commission;

7 (b) Been employed for a minimum period of time to be determined by the commission in:

8 (A) An Oregon public school;

9 (B) An Oregon private school that meets the standards adopted by the commission by rule or
10 is registered as a private school under ORS 345.505 to 345.575; or

11 (C) Another educational setting approved by the commission; and

12 (c) Demonstrated minimum competencies, knowledge and skills required for the continuing li-
13 cense through an approved teacher education institution, school district, professional organization
14 identified in ORS 342.121, or professional assessment approved by the commission.

15 (3) The holder of a continuing license may renew the continuing license in accordance with the
16 rules of the commission.

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