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**Public Hearing on House Bill 2186  
Relating to discipline of career school licensees  
House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee  
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Chair Dembrow, members of the committee, I am Matthew Barber, a Compliance Specialist with, and lead worker of, the Private Career Schools Licensing Unit at the Oregon Department of Education. With me today is Cindy Hunt, the Department's Government and Legal Affairs Manager. We are here today to testify in support of HB 2186, a housekeeping bill which would make a technical fix to ORS 345.120 so that the use of license suspension in that statute is brought into alignment with how license suspension is applied in other licensing statutes.

**Background**

Presently, a career school licensee whose license is suspended can remain in operation and continue teaching any students who were enrolled on the effective date of the suspension, but cannot advertise his or her school, or recruit or enroll new students.

In other licensing statutes, such as those found throughout Volume 15 of the Oregon Revised Statutes, which concerns licensed occupations and professions, when a licensee's license is suspended he or she is unable to continue using that license or engage in the occupation for which the license was required.

**Issue**

ORS 345.120 does not use license suspension in a way that is consistent with how other statutes use that term.

**Legislation**

HB 2186 fixes this problem in two steps. First, it clarifies that a licensee whose license is suspended may not engage in any activities for which the license is required until the suspension is lifted. Second, it clarifies that a licensee on probation may remain in operation, but could be subject to conditions – like a restriction on advertising, or recruiting or enrolling new students.

These changes will fix ORS 345.120 and ensure probation and suspension for career school licensees is consistent with probation and suspension for other licensees.



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**Support**

The Private Career Schools State Advisory Committee has approved the amendments to ORS 345.120 within HB 2186 and is supportive of them.

**Conclusion**

We ask that the committee vote in favor of HB 2186 and pass it with a 'do pass' recommendation.