

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Health Care by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boone, Esquivel, Fagan, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Matthews
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Elizabeth Edwards, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/7, 4/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Instructs health professional regulatory boards to license spouse or domestic partner of active member of Armed Forces. Requires qualifying spouse or domestic partner show competency and one year teaching or providing services in past three. Allows health professional regulatory boards to issue temporary licenses to applicant military spouses or domestic partners under certain circumstances. Directs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to establish rule expediting Oregon's licensing process for military spouses or domestic partners of active members of Armed Forces. Requires military spouses or domestic partners to be licensed to teach in another state and subject to military transfer to Oregon. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Similar legislation for soldiers passed last session
- How to accommodate differences in testing and requirements specific to each state
- Intent to assist spouses to gain employment quickly in same professional field
- Relatively small number of active duty spouses making Permanent Change of Station to Oregon because no large military bases in-state
- Relieve burden on families
- Importance of streamlining licensing for teachers

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Changes "or" to "and" and thereby instructs qualifying spouse or domestic partner show evidence of services provided or taught for one of past three years, plus competency. Directs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to establish rule expediting Oregon's licensing process for military spouses or domestic partners of active members of Armed Forces. Requires military spouses or domestic partners to be licensed to teach in another state and subject to military transfer to Oregon.

**BACKGROUND:** Many occupations require state licenses, often with state-specific conditions and processes, which can cause lengthy re-employment delays for people moving between states. Military spouses are ten times more likely than their civilian counterparts to move across state lines. The delays and added expense of repeated licensure are a barrier to many military spouses practicing in their chosen field of work. In Oregon, it is estimated that there are 933 active duty spouses, 53 percent of whom are employed and 34 percent of whom are licensed. House Bill 2037A requires health professional regulatory boards and the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, under certain circumstances, to issue licenses to practice or teach to spouses or domestic partners of active members of the Armed Forces who are subject to military transfer to Oregon.

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