

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Parrish, Reardon, Whisnant, Gelser
Nays:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/8, 4/10, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes instructor license and teacher leader license. Renames “continuing teaching license” to “professional teaching license.” Defines instructor license as license that qualifies holder to work in collaboration with licensed teacher to provide instruction to a small group of students. Stipulates that instructor license be issued to qualified person who has completed an associate’s or baccalaureate degree with appropriate coursework in education. Defines teacher leader license as license that designates qualification to provide leadership in the form of mentoring, curriculum development support, teacher preparation support, and other educational leadership. Stipulates that teacher leader license be issued to qualified person who has valid professional teaching license and has been deemed to be highly effective in teaching, as determined by teacher evaluations. Specifies that teacher evaluations for teacher leader licenses must be conducted in compliance with ORS 342.856, or “as shown by other evidence established by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) by rule.” Requires that professional teaching license indicate holder has taught for more than three and a half years and is ready to take on rolls including mentoring, curriculum development support, teacher preparation support, and other educational leadership. Directs TSPC to develop a process by which a teacher holding a teacher leader license is automatically issued a professional teaching license upon non-renewal of a teacher leader license if the teacher meets requirements for professional teaching license. Directs TSPC to ensure licenses are issued no later than July 1, 2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purpose of amendment
- Role of master teacher

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes emergency clause and directs Teacher Standards and Practice Commission (TSPC) to ensure licenses are issued no later than July 1, 2014. Directs TSPC to develop a process by which a teacher holding a teacher leader license is automatically issued a professional teaching license upon non-renewal of a teacher leader license if the teacher meets requirements for professional teaching license. Directs TSPC to develop a process to allow teacher to renew initial teaching license if unemployed. Changes maximum renewal for initial license from four times, to three times, biannually. Requires holder of professional teaching license to have taught for more than three and a half, rather than four, years and adds language that holder is ready to take on rolls including mentoring, curriculum development support, teacher preparation support, and other educational leadership. Specifies that teacher evaluations for teacher leader licenses must be conducted in compliance with ORS 342.856, or “as shown by other evidence established by the TSPC by rule.”

BACKGROUND: States such as Ohio, Illinois, and Kansas currently offer a teacher leader endorsement, which denotes superior professional achievement. In Oregon, teacher licensure is supervised by the TSPC. The TSPC was established in 1965 to maintain and improve performance in the education profession by approving teacher preparation programs offered by Oregon colleges and universities; by licensing teachers, administrators and other personnel employed in Oregon schools; and, by taking disciplinary actions when educators commit crimes or violate Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance.

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