

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

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

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**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:** 9 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs health professional regulatory boards to license spouse or domestic partner of Armed Forces active member. 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 Armed Forces active members. 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:**

- Department of Defense support for state expedited licensing statutes
- Impact of frequent moves on active duty spouses' and domestic partners' licensed professions

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

**BACKGROUND:** Many occupations require state licenses, often with state-specific conditions and processes, which proponents assert can cause lengthy re-employment delays for people moving between states. Proponents assert that military spouses are ten times more likely than their civilian counterparts to move across state lines. The delays and added expense of repeated licensure is 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 2037-A 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 Armed Forces active members who are subject to military transfer to Oregon.

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