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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
DISTRICT 22



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Re: HB 3180, HR D: Education

Chair Doherty, members of the Committee: Thank you and I appreciate you holding the hearing on HB 3180. For the record, I am State Representative Betty Komp, representing House District 22, Woodburn, Gervais and North Salem.

I am pleased to urge your support of a bill that would allocate funds to the the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to use for the National Board Certification Fund. This program is costly and with our current teacher salaries they cannot afford the expenses related to attaining certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards promotes the enrichment of high, rigorous standards for certifying experienced teachers. It provides a platform to renew commitment to students learning. The national data is clear; teachers who complete the program have a 97% success rate with their students. That success rate is based on the fact that students receive the equivalent of one month additional learning as compared to their non-certified peers. This impact is even greater for minority and low income students.

Currently, the state of Oregon has 313 teachers who have been National Board Certified. (51 teachers are currently in the process of earning national certification.)

We are far behind Washington State which has 8,196 teachers with National Board Certification. HB 3180 would reaffirm our commitment to our teachers' success by allocating \$100,00 to a fund to provide 50 teachers each year to apply for a grant to enroll and complete this two year program.

Higher standards for teaching means better learning for students.

Thank you for your time today.