

Dear Senator

HB 2412A is up for hearing before the Senate Education Committee on 5/5/15. Oregon needs more dual language immersion teachers. Will HB 2012A help increase their numbers? Please seek answers to the following questions:

Will HB 2412A give the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission the statutory authority to:

- (a) Permit school district to become approved education providers (and run their own professional educator licensing programs, especially for dual language immersion professional educators and for professional educators of color).**
- (b) Develop a separate licensing category (or categories) for dual language immersion professional educators who will teach only in a foreign language and not in English.**
- (c) Use credentialing tests only in the appropriate foreign languages for dual language immersion professional educators who will not be teaching in English.**
- (d) Allow potential dual language immersion professional educators from foreign counties to get licenses without the involvement of a local school district.**
- (e) Allow potential dual language immersion professional educators from foreign countries to renew their licenses without limit.**
- (f) Allow alternative pathways to licensure for both domestic and international sources of dual language immersion professional educators.**

For further background on these questions and issues, see my online testimony before the House Education Committee.

Thanks - Dave Porter