

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 02/03/16

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/01, 02/03

**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Doherty, Frederick, Hack, McLain, Piluso, Reardon, Sprenger, Wilson

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Exempts retired member of Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) from limitations on reemployment by public employer if member is reemployed by school district or education service district to provide services as speech-language pathologist or speech-language pathology assistant. Sunsets January 2, 2026. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Longstanding need for speech language pathologists and pathology assistants
- Past efforts to encourage more entrants into the field
- Requirements, including 1,600 hours of instruction and 1,000 hours of supervised work, for certification as a speech language pathologist
- Scarcity of qualified individuals as disproportionately negatively impacting small, rural school districts
- Measure as recreating existing sunset, congruent with many other sunsets that expire in 2026
- Potential for bill in 2017 session to address underlying policy concern

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 238.082(2) states that certain retired PERS members "...may not total 1,040 hours or more" of reemployment in a calendar year. Sections 3 and 4, chapter 774, Oregon Laws 2007, exempted a retired member of PERS from that limitation on reemployment if the member is reemployed in the field of speech-language pathology. That exemption sunsetted on January 2, 2016. House Bill 4022 recreates that exemption, with a sunset on January 2, 2026.