

JOINT TASK FORCE ON STATEWIDE EDUCATOR SALARIES

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RECOMMENDATION PROPOSAL

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What problem are you trying to solve?
Instability, initial workloads, and lack of supportive working environments for new teachers.
Title of proposal (25 words or less):
Reduced Probationary Periods
Value/Finding/Goal Number:
Finding 10: Salary schedules often do not prioritize early-career educators. This disincentivizes Oregonians of low-income and other diverse backgrounds from entering education careers. Goal 10: To improve recruitment and retention and diversify the educator workforce, compensation will meet the needs of Oregon's early career educators





<u>Detailed description of proposal</u> (50 words or more):
Currently set at three years, probationary periods for newly hired teachers will be streamlined to a structured one-year probationary period: No educator should be required to go through multiple three-year probationary periods. Rather, each person should be required to have one three-year probationary period. After that is satisfactorily completed, if an employee moves to a new district, then their probationary period should be only one year.
Enforcement: <i>How will the legislature make sure the policy is followed?</i>
Via contracts or individual complaints.
Reporting mechanisms: <i>What information will be collected so the legislature knows if the policy is working?</i>
State agency responsible for implementation: