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Senator Rob Wagner  
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RE: Dyslexia Instruction in Teacher Education Programs

Senator Wagner,

In November of 2016, the Oregon Teach Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) directed state educator preparation providers (EPPs) to submit plans to bring their programs into compliance with ORS342.147 and OAR584-420-0016. Specifically, EPPs were required to submit plans for how their Early Childhood Education program, Special Education program, and Reading program do / will provide instruction on dyslexia, as well as other reading difficulties, and that the instruction on dyslexia be consistent with the knowledge and practice standards of an international organization on dyslexia. To this end, EPPs were required to submit their plans to TSPC by December 31, 2016.

The 2016 plans were submitted to the TSPC Commission for review and approval at the January 2017 TSPC Commission meeting. Generally speaking, the 2016 submissions required the EPPs to demonstrate how their existing programs currently align to the newly adopted TSPC standards reflected in OAR584-420-0016, and/or provide a clear plan for how the programs will be brought into alignment with the adopted standards. The 2016 EPP Dyslexia Plans were approved for all Oregon EPPs at the January 2017 TSPC Commission meeting.

In preparation for this meeting of the Senate Education Committee, each Oregon EPP was asked to provide a brief, one-page, update which discusses the EPPs current status in aligning their programs to the adopted standards. The EPPs met this request on relatively short notice. The updated information from the EPPs demonstrates that Oregon EPPs have moved the majority of their programs into compliance with state statute and TSPC rules. The updates also reflect that when deficiencies were identified in aligning to the TSPC adopted standards, EPPs have taken steps to ensure their candidates receive the required dyslexia instruction.

Moving forward, TSPC will continue to enforce compliance of the dyslexia instruction standards through both the program approval and unit approval processes. In accordance with state statute, TSPC rule states that the Commission may not deny approval of an EPP program for the first three (3) years after adoption of the Dyslexia Instruction Standards provided that the EPP submits a plan for Dyslexia Standards alignment. TSPC adopted the Dyslexia Instruction Program Standards at the January 2017 meeting. All Oregon EPPs submitted plans to align to the standards. Beginning in January 2020, all Oregon EPPs will be fully accountable for alignment and implementation of the Dyslexia Instruction Program Standards within their programs.

Regards,

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