

HB 2135 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits Teacher Standards and Practices Commission from issuing license to individuals convicted of domestic violence crimes. Extends suspension period from one year or less to three years or less. Establishes minimum revocation period for licenses and registrations of one to three years. Establishes that there is no maximum period for license revocation.

House Floor: Passed. Ayes, 55; Excused, 4--Drazan, Levy, Rayfield, Ruiz; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Bynum.

No fiscal impact.

No revenue impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Allows Commission to reinstate license or registration, or reinstate the right to apply for a license or registration, to person convicted of any crime related to domestic violence after three or more years from date of conviction.

BACKGROUND:

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) is Oregon's licensing agency for all educators. The TSPC was established in 1965 to maintain and improve performance in the education profession by approving teacher preparation programs offered by Oregon colleges and universities by licensing teachers, administrators, and other personnel employed in Oregon schools and by taking disciplinary actions when educators commit crimes or violate Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance.

House Bill 2135 adds domestic violence crimes to the list of crimes that disqualify an individual from obtaining a teaching or administrative license.