



To: House Committee on Education
From: Richard Donovan, Legislative Services Specialist
Re: House Bill 3354
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Chair Alonso Leon, Vice Chairs Neron and Weber, and members of the committee:

On behalf of OSBA membership, including 197 school districts and 19 Education Service Districts, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 3354, as modified by the -1 amendments.

House Bill 3354-1 would task the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission with delivering an alternative method to educator licensure that would be based in practical demonstration of skills and abilities.

Educator licensure is an ongoing area of concern and responsibility for many education stakeholders, including agencies, associations, and individual educators. Many stakeholders, including the TSPC and the Oregon Education Association, have collaborated to bring HB 3354-1 forward. Oregon faces a challenge in a projected educator shortage in the near future. Any alternative pathways to licensure that can be created with agency oversight and that maintain high quality standards for educators should be explored.

Please support HB 3354-1. Thank you for your time and consideration.