

Please vote no on HB 2942. As someone who has held a teaching license in the state of Oregon for the last 20 years, I am disgusted that you would lower the standard in this way. Actions have consequences and the consequence of committing certain crimes is that you aren't someone that I would want teaching my children. I know I'm not alone in this opinion, and I'm sure many will pull their kids out of public schools which will result in even less funding to already struggling schools. I put mine in private school last week so this bill doesn't even affect my kids but I'm angry on behalf of the kids who remain in public schools. Why isn't this committee focusing on getting schools open fully and improving the system and curriculum that's been going downhill for the last decade? And addressing the needs of children who have been stuck with an inadequate online "education" for the last year, falling behind academically while struggling mentally and emotionally? Instead you're spending your time on nonsense bills like this one and SB 223. Pull your collective heads out and focus on what should be the priority: educating children!