

Strongly oppose.

This bill establishes minimum graduate level education requirements for teachers that teach accelerated college credit program courses. The requirement applies to students who are taught by a parent, legal guardian or private teacher as provided in ORS 339.030. This is a direct hit on homeschooling and virtual schools. Besides prohibiting homeschooled students from receiving Accelerated Credits, it is unclear whether it prohibits students from challenging Advanced Placement tests for college credits. If it doesn't affect AP testing, the bill has no purpose, and if it does it is clearly intended to dumb down our students.

HB 2868 exempts the dual credit programs and career and technical education courses, so it is focused on Assessment Based Learning Credit. Completing the course doesn't automatically give a student college credits. The student must pass a college level exam. Oregon College Board offers testing both in-school and at-home