

# Senate Bill 5

Sponsored by Senator ANDERSON

## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act directs higher learning schools to have a policy that requires certain teachers to have obtained at least a master's degree. The Act provides for exceptions. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.6).

Requires the governing board of each public university in this state to adopt a personnel policy that includes institutional standards for faculty qualifications. Requires that the standards include that faculty must have obtained at least a master's degree. Provides for exceptions to the policy.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to faculty qualifications for public universities.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The governing board of each public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall**  
5 **establish a personnel policy that includes institutional standards for instructor qualifications.**  
6 **The policy established under this subsection must require that faculty of lower division**  
7 **collegiate courses have obtained at least a master's degree in a subject area closely related**  
8 **to any course the faculty will be teaching.**

9 **(2) The policy established under subsection (1) of this section may provide for an excep-**  
10 **tion to the master's degree requirement for:**

11 **(a) Faculty who have a demonstrated competency in a professional field closely related**  
12 **to any course the faculty will be teaching.**

13 **(b) Graduate students who are enrolled at the public university and are employed by the**  
14 **public university to teach.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.