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Requested by Senator WEBER

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 322

On <u>page 1</u> of the printed bill, line 2, after "amending" delete the rest of the line and line 3 and insert "ORS 342.127; and prescribing an effective date.".

4 Delete lines 5 through 21 and delete pages 2 through 6 and insert:

5 **"SECTION 1.** ORS 342.127 is amended to read:

"342.127. (1) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall establish and collect:

8 "(a) A fee not to exceed \$350 for evaluation of the initial application for 9 each educator license for which application is made. If the applicant is eli-10 gible for the educator license for which application is made, the commission 11 shall issue the license without additional charge.

"(b) A fee not to exceed \$350 for the renewal of each educator license and a fee not to exceed \$50 for each official paper license. If the educator is certified by a national professional organization for teaching standards recognized by the commission, the commission shall renew the license without charge.

"(c) A fee not to exceed \$800 for a beginning educator assessment con ducted in lieu of an approved preparation program required for licensure.

"(d) A fee not to exceed \$350 for registration as a public charter school teacher or administrator that includes any fee charged pursuant to rules adopted under ORS 181A.195. "(e) A fee not to exceed \$350 for renewal of a registration as a public charter school teacher or administrator that includes any fee charged pursuant to rules adopted under ORS 181A.195.

"(2) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of an educator license, the commission shall collect a fee not to exceed \$150 for the evaluation of an applicant requesting licensing based upon completion of an educator preparation program other than an Oregon approved educator preparation program.

9 "(3) In addition to the fees required by subsection (1) of this section, the 10 commission shall collect a late application fee not to exceed \$40 per month 11 up to a maximum of \$200 from an applicant who fails to make timely appli-12 cation for renewal of the license or registration. The actual amount of the 13 fee shall be determined in accordance with rules of the commission.

"(4) In addition to the fees required by subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall collect a late application fee not to exceed \$350 for the reinstatement of an expired license. The requirements for reinstatement and the actual amount of the fee shall be determined in accordance with rules of the commission.

"(5) Notwithstanding the expiration date posted on the license, the license shall continue to be valid for an additional 120 days, provided the educator has made a timely application, as determined by the commission, for renewal prior to the expiration date on the license.

"(6) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of an educator license, the commission shall collect a fee not to exceed \$1,000 for the reinstatement of a license that has been suspended or revoked by the commission for gross neglect of duty or gross unfitness under ORS 342.175.

"(7) In addition to the fee required by subsection (1) of this section for the issuance of an educator license, the commission shall collect a fee not to exceed \$200 for the issuance of any license through an expedited process under ORS 342.125 (7) at the request of any school district, public charter school or education service district that seeks to employ the applicant. The fee shall be paid by the school district, public charter school or education service district.

5 "(8) Notwithstanding subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the 6 commission may not collect a late application fee from an applicant 7 for the renewal or reinstatement of a substitute teaching license.

8 "[(8)] (9) Fees established under this section shall cover, but not exceed,
9 the full cost of administrative expenses incurred by the commission during
10 any biennium.

"SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 342.127 by section 1 of this
 2025 Act apply to applications submitted on or after the effective date
 of this 2025 Act.

14 "SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on July 1, 2026.".

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