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Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chair McIntire, Rep. Dobson, and Members of the Committee

I am writing to express my support for reducing the required probationary period for educators. As a longtime and current public school educator and union leader, i believe that the current requirements are harmful to young and newer educators who end up working in schools and districts where there are problems that need addressing. Educators who are probationary often feel reluctant to speak out about those problems, and rightly so out of fear of retaliation from administrators. Any measures to reduce the probationary period down to one year, which i believe is the max for any other profession, would be a step in the right direction. This bill helps to do that. Educators who move (for all sorts of legitimate reasons) shouldn't have to start their probationary period all over again from scratch. Let's pass this bill!