

Good afternoon, Senator Frederick -

I am writing to ask for a correction to the record represented in the SB 805 presentation to the Senate Education Committee. In the presentation, I misspoke about the current statute.

In the presentation document and verbally for the committee, I misstated that educators may currently teach before their background checks are completed. This was inaccurate. Educators must complete their background checks to work in Oregon public schools.

SB 805 addresses the 90-day umbrella under which educators may work without their license. Currently, that 90 days begins on the date TSPC receives the educator's application. The bill would have the 90 days begin after the background check is completed. As it takes up to two weeks for the background check to clear, this gives the educator additional days of coverage to work while awaiting notification that their license has been issued.

As there were discussions specifically about background checks, and as I mistakenly communicated incorrect information to the committee, I ask that this correction be submitted for the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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