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## **Education Workforce Shortage Bill Passes Oregon Senate**

*SB 279 makes it easier for teachers licensed in other states to move to Oregon*

**SALEM, Ore** - Today, the Oregon Senate passed [Senate Bill 279](#), which will make it easier for teachers licensed in other states to move to and work in Oregon. This legislation, which passed with bipartisan support, is a key component of [an overarching strategy](#) to address the education workforce shortage and Senate Democrats' [2023 Oregon Works Agenda](#).

“We listened to teachers and schools across the state about the root causes of our education workforce shortage, and this legislation is a direct response to their needs. This bill will make Oregon more competitive, helping us to attract and retain more world-class educators to guide our students,” **said Chair of the Education Committee Senator Michael Dembrow (D-Portland).**

SB 279 will authorize Oregon to join the newly-created Interstate Compact on Teacher Mobility, which will remove barriers to licensure for teachers who are already licensed in other states.

The bill now moves to the Oregon House of Representatives for consideration.

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