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Oregon House Adds Educator Voice to Oregon State Board of Education

SALEM – The Oregon House of Representatives voted on Monday to ensure that licensed teachers in Oregon would be guaranteed a voice on the State Board of Education.

[House Bill 2512](#), chief sponsored by Rep. Margaret Doherty (D-Tigard) and sponsored Rep. Paul Holvey (D-Eugene), removes a requirement in the current law that an appointed member cannot be engaged in teaching, and adds a member who is a licensed teacher.

“Educators bring expertise that will add value as the board considers everything from credentialing to policy initiatives,” Rep. Doherty said. “As a former teacher, I know how important that perspective can be to the conversation. This is one small but important step in our larger efforts this year to build a better, stronger public education system for every Oregon student.”

The legislation also increases the number of voting board members from seven to eight. The licensed teacher position would be among the appointees of the Governor.

House Bill 2512 would bring the State Board of Education in line with more than 50 other boards and commissions in requiring that someone who is engaged in the profession serve on the board or commission.

Oregon House Democrats are committed to building the highest quality public education system for every Oregonian from cradle to career.

The legislation passed the House 46 to 11, and now moves to the Oregon Senate for consideration.

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