

## Two bills to protect students passed by House Education Committee

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SALEM, Ore. — The House Education Committee, chaired by Representative Sara Gelser (D-Corvallis), on Friday passed two bills aimed at protecting kids from educator and school employee misconduct.

The bills, HB 2062 and HB 2063 ban secret agreements; require training on how to avoid, identify and report misconduct; and facilitate the transfer of information about substantiated allegations of misconduct during the new hire process.

—The bills cover all Oregon school employees, said Gelser. —Together these bills create the strongest student protection regulations in the nation, bar none.

The Oregon Education Association, Oregon School Employees Association, Oregon School Boards Association and Confederation of Oregon School Administrators played a vital role in cooperating with other

stakeholders to get the legislation written and passed through committee. The bills were passed unanimously out of committee with bipartisan support.

“All of the stakeholders came together, including members from both parties, to put the safety of kids first,” said Gelser. “We could not have passed this bill without the focused efforts of legislators from both parties, professional educators and administrators who share our commitment to ensuring positive, safe learning environments for Oregon children.”

The bills now move to the House floor for a vote of the full House.

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