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- ITEM: PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY (PSU) WAIVER REQUEST TO USE ALTERNATE EDTPA HANDBOOK
- ACTION: **ACTION ITEM**
- RECOMMENDATIONS: The Educator Preparation and Pathways Committee recommends the following resolutions:
- RESOLVED**, that the Commission approves the waiver request from Portland State University, included as Attachment 5.lg (1); and
- RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the waiver is granted for the candidate's completion of coursework, as provided in the waiver request. The waiver does not alter any licensure requirements when the candidate applies for licensure.
- INFORMATION: [OAR 584-400-0190](#), *Waiver of State Standards*, allows Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) to petition the Commission for waiver of state standards requirements:
- (1) An Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) may petition the Commission for waiver of state standards.
 - (2) A petition must include information and reasons the EPP is seeking the waiver.
 - (3) In granting the petition, the Commission must determine that a waiver of state standards:
 - (a) Does not adversely impact the intent of the standards or rules; and
 - (b) Does not contradict any Oregon statutory requirements.

Portland State University requests a waiver of [OAR 584-400-0120 \(4\)\(c\)](#), *Teacher Candidate Performance Assessments*, which requires pre-service teacher candidates completing two or more separate endorsement programs of which Elementary – Multiple Subjects is one of the endorsements to successfully complete a teacher candidate performance assessment in Elementary – Multiple Subjects, as provided in this rule and the [TSPC Program Review and Standards Handbook](#).

This request seeks to permit the allowance of an alternative edTPA handbook in the candidate's alternate endorsement area, World Languages: Spanish. The candidate matriculated into the Elementary – Multiple Subjects and World Languages: Spanish dual-endorsement program and began edTPA preparation prior to the rule revision requiring dual-enrolled candidates to complete the teacher performance assessment in Elementary – Multiple Subjects. PSU has provided additional evidence to support the candidate's teaching performance in Elementary – Multiple Subjects.

Information related to the waiver request is provided as Attachment 5.lg (1), which is included on the Commission's secure server due to the confidential nature of the candidate's information. If approved,

this item, the EPP request letter, and a Commission waiver approval letter will be included in the candidate's TSPC licensing account.

At their May 30, 2024, meeting, Educator Preparation and Pathways Committee members determined to recommend approval to the full Commission and for the item to be placed on the program consent agenda at the June 2024 Commission meeting.

(a) Impact on the intent of the standards or rules:

The Commission is authorized to grant waivers if the petitioner can demonstrate that the requests meet the intent of the standards or rules.

The Commission is asked to approve Portland State University to accept the candidates' use of the teacher performance assessment in World Languages: Spanish, so long as the candidate meets the minimum passing score and all other student teaching requirements.

(b) Oregon statutory requirements:

The waiver request does not contradict any Oregon statutory requirements.

Attachment:

5.1g (1): PSU waiver request (secure server)