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Good morning House Education committee, for the Record my name is Senator Don Schaible, representing District 31. I am here to introduce SB 2332 which is a bill that offers some improvements to our alternative teacher certificate program. Last session several options for alternative teacher certification was looked at. There was an instate option and an out of state option. Language on page 2, lines 17-19 makes the requirements for the out of state option the same as the instate option. Lines 20-21 page 2 provides timeline when these standards must be met.

The overstrike language on page 3 lines 6-17 is what was going to come into effect which would create differences in the out of state alternative teaching certificates

Last session we agreed to look at alternative teaching certificates and believe that we should let them go 4 years and then reevaluate the programs. The study in this bill would provide that an interim committee would look at that progress in the middle of the 4<sup>th</sup> year and provide suggestions for legislation if we wish this alternative certificate to continue.

The other issue that may need to be discussed further is allowing special education as one subject that could be included in alternative teacher certification program. This created much concern last session, but with all that has happened this last year, we may have to revisit that idea. Mr. Chairman that concludes my testimony and I would try to answer questions.