

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2043

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SB2043 allows for an update to the process for revocation of a teaching license for crimes against a child and sexual offenses. Currently, upon a plea or being found guilty of one of these crimes, an individual with a teaching license has their license immediately and permanently revoked, as currently under century code. However, often the cases now move between state and federal jurisdiction, and the education standards and practices board does not have the same authority to immediately revoke the license. Currently the board has to convene to vote on the revocation, using resources and causing delays that leave a cap in licensure suspension and students at risk. SB 2043 would allow the board to take the same action, regardless of the change in jurisdiction,