

Dear Cheryl and Denise,

Please file this memo with the Gov Ops committees in relation to H.562 (OPR Bill) and S.217 (An Act relating to the State's Organization of Professional Regulation). It is a response to earlier letters to the committees from Secretary Holcombe, Steven John and Agency of education memos and testimony about the effect of these bills with respect to teacher licensing, and more specifically, the dual licensure of SLPs by OPR and AOE.

Just so the committees are aware, even though I do not see them as necessary, I have drafted amended language for the H.562 sunset provisions in an attempt to satisfy the concerns of AOE. We have also drafted an amendment to S.217 at the direction of SGO and recently shared that with AOE. We have not yet received a response from them on either proposal.

The House Education committee has taken testimony all week on OPR / AOE licensing and the Senate Education committee expects to hear from Amy Fowler next week. I believe the Senate Government Operations committee will be taking these bills up next week for further testimony.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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