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## **Physics Teacher Preparation: Helping not Hurting** BRIAN A PYPER, BYU-Idaho

The physics teacher preparation landscape is complex and its features include all the aspects of the process of becoming a physics teacher, such as physics and pedagogical content knowledge, regulatory hurdles like background checks and fingerprinting, praxis exams, technology exams, etc for the candidate, as well as things like accreditation and certification issues impacting teacher preparation programs. Knowing the features and dynamics of this landscape can help alleviate problems and effect change. Your wise advocacy can make an impact.