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2 Tualatin School District from September 1985 until his resignation effective December 21,  
3 2000.

4           3. During the 2000-2001 academic year, Becker was using a personal computer in  
5 his home to solicit sex over the Internet from what he believed to be minor boys. Becker's  
6 communications attracted the attention of the Illinois State Attorney's Office, Internet  
7 Crime Unit.

8           4. On or about August 23, 2000, Will County Circuit Court, Joliett, Illinois, records  
9 indicate that Becker was Indicted by a Grand Jury on three charges of Indecent Solicitation  
10 of a Child (Class C Felony). Becker was subsequently arrested by Joliett, Illinois police  
11 officers at his home in Tigard, Oregon, and extradited to Joliett, Illinois for prosecution.

12           5. On January 11, 2002, Becker was convicted of the Class C felony crime of  
13 Indecent Solicitation of a Child/Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse in Will County Circuit  
14 Court, Will County, Illinois. Becker was sentenced to six months in custody, 30 months  
15 probation with conditions, and is required to register as a sex offender in Illinois.

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17 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**  
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19 Conviction of a crime constitutes Gross Unfitness pursuant to OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c).  
20 Becker's conviction of a Class C felony crime of Indecent Solicitation of a  
21 Child/Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse in Will County Circuit Court, Will County,  
22 Illinois, constitutes Gross Unfitness. The Commission's authority to impose discipline in  
23 this matter is based upon ORS 342.175(1)(a) and (c).

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2 **ORDER**

3 The Commission revokes the Oregon Standard Teaching License #251351 issued to  
4 Thomas Robert Becker.

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6 Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2002.

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9 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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11 By Linda Samek  
12 Linda Samek, Deputy Director  
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16 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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18 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL  
19 REVIEW MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60  
20 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT  
21 TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.  
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24 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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26 I hereby certify that I served the foregoing order by mailing a true copy thereof  
27 certified by me as such by regular U.S. First Class Mail and by U.S. Certified Mail—Return  
28 Receipt Requested to:

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30 Thomas Robert Becker  
31 512 NE Simpson  
32 Portland OR 97211

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34 Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2002.

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37 By: Melody Hanson  
38 Melody Hanson  
39 Executive Assistant to the Commission  
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