

HB 2989 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 4/1, 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that career and technical education (CTE) be provided through a seamless system incorporating both secondary and post-secondary institutions. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to collaborate with Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to facilitate student transitions from secondary CTE programs to post-secondary CTE programs. Requires Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) to ensure that CTE teachers enable smooth transitions to post-secondary CTE. Requires information on CTE programs be provided to high school juniors and seniors. Requires HECC to advise legislature, Governor, community colleges, public universities, and other boards in order to improve coordination of CTE programs. Requires ODE, TSPC, and HECC to regularly examine current system of CTE education, identify potential improvements, and report annually to legislative committees on coordination of CTE programs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Experiences of students
- Benefits of career and technical education
- Need for more coordination between high schools and community colleges

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In November, 2016 Oregon voters passed Measure 98, funding career and technical education and other programs meant to aid in raising the state's on-time graduation rate. The funding was distributed to K-12 school districts and resulted in many high schools offering new career and technical education classes and programs. House Bill 2989 requires coordination among high schools and post-secondary institutions on career and technical education, facilitated by state agencies.