

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Eliminates student loan default statutes. Eliminates Student Loan Guarantee Fund used to guarantee loans made by eligible lending institutions. Eliminates Volunteers in Service to Oregon (VISTO) program. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2007.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure
- Elimination of inactive statutes

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The VISTO program was adopted into law in 1989 to encourage community service and volunteerism among Oregon's youth. It has not been funded for several years.

In 2004, the Commission, in cooperation with the Governor's office formed a loan program workgroup that concluded the student loan program and the Commission's role as loan guarantor was not financially viable. The workgroup conclusion was adopted and the loan program was assigned to the Educational Credit Management Corporation.