

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

**Yeas:** Ferrioli, Monnes Anderson, Nelson, Brown

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Johnson

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/6, 4/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs community colleges and state institutions of higher education to adopt plans to encourage students to register to vote and to vote in elections. Requires that students receive information about activities relating to voting that are prohibited by law. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Engagement of all citizens in the election process
- Campus activities to register students to vote
- Number of students registered to vote versus number of students not registered and not voting
- Desire for administrative support of voter registration activities.

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires that students receive information about activities relating to voting that are prohibited by law and associated penalties.

**BACKGROUND:** In a September 2006 Fact Sheet, the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) reported that while the general trend in national voter turnout among young people during midterm elections was down between 1982 and 2002, Oregon's turnout rate in midterm election years has been declining since 1982 except in 1994 and 2002. However, Oregon's youth voter turnout rate has been higher than the national average since 1978.