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FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Meeting Dates:	3/27, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires State Board of Higher Education to direct each state institution of higher education to waive tuition for any courses audited by an Oregonian 65 years of age or older if: 1) space is available after degree seeking students have registered; 2) the department in which the course is being taught approves; and 3) the auditing student is registered for eight credits or fewer per term. Permits institutions to charge student fees associated with the course being audited. Allows institutions to develop rules to implement auditing program. Requires board of education of a community college district to direct community colleges to waive tuition for any courses audited by Oregonians 65 years of age or older if: 1) space is available after degree seeking students have registered; 2) the department in which the course is being taught approves; 3) the auditing student is registered for eight credits or fewer per term; and 4) the course is a lower-division course. Permits each community college to charge student fees associated with course being audited. Allows board of a community college district to develop rules to implement auditing program. Provides that the measure first applies to courses offered in the 2010-2011 academic year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life-long learning
- Continuing need to learn skills
- Value of different age groups interacting in an educational environment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires State Board of Higher Education to direct institutions to waive tuition for any courses audited by an Oregonian 65 years of age or older if certain requirements are met. Permits institutions to charge student fees associated with course being audited. Allows institutions to develop rules to implement auditing program. Requires the board of a community college district to direct community colleges to waive tuition for any courses audited by Oregonians 65 years of age or older if certain requirements are met. Permits each community college to charge student fees associated with course being audited. Allows board of community college district to develop rules to implement auditing program.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2011A permits Oregonians 65 years of age or older to audit classes, at no charge, at institutions of higher learning or community colleges if certain requirements are met.

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