

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Hass

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/20, 5/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Blue Mountain, Rogue, Columbia Gorge, and Southwestern Oregon Community College districts to incur bonded indebtedness for benefit of districts upon approval of voters in district.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact on Southwestern Community College District
- Need for separate elections
- Distinction between community college district and service area
- Conformity between community college districts in issuing bonds district-wide
- Entity that determines where the benefit of the bond lies
- Impact on other community college districts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds Columbia Gorge and Southwestern Oregon Community College districts to the measure.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3116A amends ORS Chapter 341 regarding the expansion of community college districts. The measure permits the Blue Mountain, Rogue, Columbia Gorge, and Southwestern Oregon Community College Districts to incur bonded indebtedness through bond elections by district-wide vote in the same manner as other community colleges. Currently, these community colleges may only incur bonded indebtedness through bond questions taken to each service district area separately. House Bill 3116A gives the aforementioned districts the option of incurring bonded indebtedness either by district-wide vote or by a vote of the service area. The measure does not impact other community college districts.