

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Revenue
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/6, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that if bonded indebtedness is for the benefit of a community college district (district), all district voters residing within district boundaries are entitled to vote in election. Provides that if bonded indebtedness is for the benefit of a specific service area, only the community college district voters residing within boundaries of the affected service area are entitled to vote in election. Requires district board to ascertain and levy a direct ad valorem tax on all taxable property within district, if district voters approve bonded indebtedness or, within territory of a service area, if service area voters approve bonded indebtedness.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Community college bonding authority
- Option of levying bonded indebtedness in service areas
- Impact of measure on Rogue Community College and Blue Mountain Community College

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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