

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 2 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Roblan, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser
<b>Nays:</b>	Maurer, Sprenger
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/8, 4/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Provides that, at least 30 business days before a community college seeking final approval from the State Board of Education (Board) to offer a new career pathway certificate of completion program (Career Pathway), governing board of the community college (Program Authority) shall supply notice of intent to offer Career Pathway to Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD). Provides that CCWD shall give notice to any private institution that may be affected by the notice. Requires private institution that objects to Career Pathway to provide notice of objection to Program Authority within 12 business days of receiving notice. Requires Program Authority to do the following upon receipt of objection: 1) within three business days after objection, offer institution that objected opportunity to participate in meeting; and 2) postpone seeking final approval from Board for program until resolution is reached. Requires community college and private institution to participate in meeting for purposes of avoiding an adverse impact. Provides that Program Authority may seek final approval from Board, following postponement, if: 1) agreement is reached between Program Authority and private institution; or 2) Program Authority and private institution are unable to reach agreement within 15 business days. Permits Program Authority and private institution to mutually agree to different timelines. Defines Career Pathway as one that: 1) is offered by a community college; 2) provides specified proficiency in specific skills to meet employment need; 3) is provided in a grouping of 12 to 44 quarter credits; 4) is wholly contained within an associate degree program or similar certification program of 45 or more quarter credits; and 5) satisfies requirements of a program prescribed by CCWD.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Adverse impacts regarding similar programs offered at different educational institutions
- Avoiding adverse impacts between educational programs
- Explanation of Career Pathways Certificates

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 3117A provides a dispute resolution process when a community college seeks to offer a new Career Pathway that may be offered by a another institution, such as a career school. Career Pathways focus on employers' needs for specific occupational competencies and are tied to demand occupations in local or state labor markets. Career Pathways are developed in collaboration with employers, workforce partners, and education faculty. House Bill 3117A defines a Career Pathway program and establishes a procedure to be followed when a community college seeks to offer a Career Pathways program.