

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

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: 5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts specified schools or separately-accredited school campuses from statutes pertaining to authority to grant degrees.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- State's legitimate oversight activities
- Fees set by Legislative Assembly

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Office of Degree Authorization reports that the majority of student complaints and enforcement issues center around for-profit colleges and colleges lacking regional accreditation. Senate Bill 113A exempts from current degree-granting statutes those schools or separately-accredited school campuses that are nonprofit schools under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, have conferred degrees in Oregon for at least five consecutive years, and are accredited by a regional accrediting association or its national successor.