

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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: 3/30, 4/3

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of institutions that exemption would apply to
- Definition of "all schools"
- Entities authorized to grant degrees

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

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.