

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	10 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits person who receives degree from diploma mill from using disclaimer to claim or represent that person possesses academic degree. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Definition of diploma mill
- Proper use of statutory disclaimer

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** A diploma mill is an institution of higher education that operates without supervision of a state or professional agency and grants diplomas that are either fraudulent or, because of the lack of proper regulations, are worthless. The diploma mill industry is reportedly estimated at more than \$200 million a year nationwide. The Oregon Student Assistance Commission currently maintains a website listing of over 300 recently reported unaccredited degree suppliers.