

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Steigler  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Hass

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Bill (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote:

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, G. Smith

Nays: Gilman

Exc: Shields

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett

Nays:

Exc: Winters

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Meeting Date: 5/7, 6/22, 6/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Joint Boards of Education to study and report on converting some or all institutions of higher education to a semester calendar and increasing student enrollment and success for rural residents. Requires State Board of Higher Education to adopt a common admissions process that allows students to complete one application and be considered for admission at more than one OUS institution. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal implications of the bill
- Amendments to remove fiscal

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Eliminate sections requiring study to determine the financial viability of the OSU-Cascades Campus in Bend; universal document imaging and electronic storage of documents; and, Oregon University Efficiency Savings Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** The Joint Boards of Education include the State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Education. The Oregon University System (OUS) is comprised of seven universities. The following are often referred to as the regional universities: Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Southern Oregon University in Ashland, and Western Oregon University in Monmouth.