

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3521 - A

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### Measure Description:

Requires community college, when determining whether to award associate degree, to take into consideration credits earned by student at other institutions of higher education before and after student enrolled at community college.

### Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, Oregon University System,  
Department of Education

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:** See Analysis

### Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

### Analysis:

The measure requires the Joint Boards of Education to develop standards related to the ability of students to apply credits earned at community colleges to degrees awarded by state institutions of higher education. The measure requires the Joint Boards of Education to submit a report on the standards development to the interim legislative committee relating to education no later than November 1, 2012. The report must also include a review of associate transfer degrees, feasibility and legal issues related to a common data system, and whether to require community colleges and higher education institutions to submit annual reports on certain statistics.

The Joint Boards of Education is staffed by the Oregon University System (OUS), Department of Education (ODE), and Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD).

OUS, ODE, and CCWD state that the workload associated with this measure can be absorbed by existing staff currently working with the Joint Boards of Education. CCWD states that depending on the extent of the data system feasibility study, the associated workload may not be able to be absorbed by existing staff and CCWD may need to hire a consultant at an estimated cost of \$50,000 General Fund.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that depending on the cumulative workload requirements added this session or possible budget reductions, the legislature may need to review staffing requirements in the future should this legislation pass.