

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Komp
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Girod

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 24 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Bates

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Meeting Date: May 13, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Office of Degree Authorization (ODA) to issue separate license to issue degrees to schools that meet exemption requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Change in federal law requires colleges receiving Federal Title IV aid to be formally authorized by name
- Current ODA practice of licensing regionally accredited institutions by category
- Correction of statutory references relating to religious exemption for certain schools
- Fiscal Impact of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Federal rules relating to student aid require states to authorize degree granting colleges and universities by name, not category. Oregon's ODA currently authorizes regionally accredited nonprofit colleges as a category, but does not name them. House Bill 2117-A amends the statute to comply with the new federal rule.