

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Conger, Dembrow, Frederick, Huffman, Komp, Parrish, Gelser, Wingard

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/9, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs State Board of Higher Education to report to appropriate legislative committee prior to July 1, 2012 on civic literacy at state institutions of higher education.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Results of Civic Knowledge Quiz
- Poll results supporting civics education in college
- Negative learning among college students
- Potential impact on colleges and universities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Civic literacy is defined as knowledge of and about public issues and the organizations, associations and programs that address public issues. On a recent national test of civic knowledge among college undergraduates, seniors performed worse than freshman. House Bill 3108 requires the State Board of Higher Education to report to the appropriate interim legislative committee on education prior to July 1, 2012, regarding progress made toward integrating civic literacy in the curricula of the state's institutions of higher education.