

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Conger, Dembrow, Frederick, Huffman, Komp, Parrish, Gelser, Wingard
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	<i>Subcommittee: 3/17, 4/5, 4/7 Full: 4/13</i>

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Joint Boards of Education (Board) to develop standards, to be known as Transfer Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, for applying credits earned at community colleges to baccalaureate degrees awarded by state institutions of higher education. Develops admissions standard for students with associate transfer degrees. Establishes maximum number of credits required to complete prior to receiving baccalaureate degree when student earned associate transfer degree or one year certificate. Creates process for award of associate degree by community college, and generates student requirements for receiving benefit of standards. Requires community colleges and state institutions of higher education to submit annual reports to Board relating to student transfers. Directs Board to report to legislative committee on standards developed, requirements and standards of associate transfer degree, and feasibility and legal issues related to common data system between community colleges and state institutions of higher education. Requires Oregon University System (OUS), Department of Education, and Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD) to provide support staff to Board. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of credits earned at university to ensure students receive associate's degree
- Implementation and degree conferment obstacles
- Data sharing between OUS and CCWD
- Student advising dollars needed to assist transfer/articulation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Many students begin post-secondary education at community colleges and transfer to universities without receiving an associate's degree. In some cases, students may be near completion of requirements for an associate's degree, but have transferred to universities with the intent of earning a bachelor's degree. House Bill 3521-A directs the Joint Boards of Education to develop a Transfer Bill of Rights and Responsibilities to articulate uniform protocols for transferring credits between Oregon institutions of higher education. In addition to specifying how credits earned at community colleges will transfer to universities. Additionally, the measure allows community colleges to confer associate degrees by accepting credits students have earned at universities.