## House Bill 2866

Sponsored by Representative WHISNANT; Representatives BOONE, ESQUIVEL, HANNA, HUFFMAN (Presession filed.)

## **SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Requires Joint Boards of Education to adopt comprehensive articulation and transfer system for students of community colleges and state institutions of higher education.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to transfer of higher education credits; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 348.890.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. The Joint Boards of Education shall adopt a comprehensive articulation and transfer system that allows for students to transfer between community colleges and state institutions of higher education without losing credits that otherwise would be applicable toward a baccalaureate degree. The system must include the means for articulating lower-division general education credits, general elective credits and curriculum requirements for approved majors. The State Board of Higher Education through institutions of higher education listed in ORS 352.002 and the State Board of Education through community colleges in this state shall implement the system adopted by the Joint Boards of Education.

SECTION 2. ORS 348.890 is amended to read:

348.890. (1) The State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Education shall hold at least one meeting annually as the Joint Boards of Education for the purpose of coordinating their activities and reaching joint agreement on matters of education policy and opportunities of mutual interest to the two boards and to the populations served by the boards.

- (2) Bylaws to be adopted by the members shall determine procedures for setting meeting dates, locations, chairperson rotation, agendas and staff support.
- (3)(a) The Joint Boards of Education shall provide policy direction to implement regional partnership proposals and any other joint program or activity approved by both boards.
- (b) The Joint Boards of Education shall adopt and revise as necessary a comprehensive articulation and transfer system under section 1 of this 2011 Act.
- (4) Notwithstanding ORS 351.070 (3)(c), the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development and the Oregon University System may use appropriations from the General Fund to implement agreements approved by the Joint Boards of Education that provide direct aid to a student, or other incentives that encourage shared use of facilities, programs and other resources of state institutions of higher education and community colleges.
- <u>SECTION 3.</u> (1) The Joint Boards of Education shall first adopt a comprehensive articulation and transfer system under section 1 of this 2011 Act before July 1, 2012.
- (2) The comprehensive articulation and transfer system adopted under section 1 of this 2011 Act first applies to the 2012-2013 school year.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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