

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Beyer, Morse, Steiner Hayward, Hass

Nays: 0

Exc.: George

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Meeting Dates: 2/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide specified information for purpose of assisting school districts and high schools in increasing availability of accelerated learning options. Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction to make information available on Oregon Department of Education website to high schools, based on the extent accelerated learning entities provide information to Superintendent.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Accelerated learning opportunities
- Defining accelerated learning entities
- Information to be provided by accelerated learning entities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Accelerated learning options are college-level courses that students take in high school, with rigorous academic curricula. Typically, schools offer these options to honors students and those who have completed all high school-level courses available in a subject. Students who utilize accelerated learning options may receive college credit, college registration advantages, scholarships, or other benefits if they are able to successfully pass an examination at the end of their course work.

The opportunity to earn college credit while in high school can make college more affordable by reducing the number of credits required to obtain a degree. The Oregon Department of Education offers financial assistance to allow low-income students to participate in rigorous academic coursework to increase their college opportunities. These programs are designed to help close Oregon's achievement gap. The Oregon Advanced Placement Test Fee Program pays for examinations for students that qualify for free or reduced-price lunch programs. School counselors certify the student's qualification to participate. The Oregon Advanced Placement Incentive Program (APIP) is a comprehensive 3-year project to provide training and support to students, teachers, counselors, and administrators in schools with 40 percent or more of the students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch.