

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, George, Morse, Steiner Hayward, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to advise Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) on state goals and associated achievement compacts for post-secondary education system. Specifies which HECC duties fall under direction and control of OEIB. Defines applicability to Oregon University System (OUS) of statutory provisions relating to borrowing through State Treasurer or holding funds in State Treasury. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- HECC focus on issues that transcend individual institutions
- Issues include transfer credit, advanced placement, tuition containment, and special needs students
- Emphasis on coordination as opposed to governance
- HECC to provide timely advice to OEIB and Legislature
- Potential redirection of resources from reporting to teaching and learning

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: The 2011 passage of Senate Bills 909 and 242 created the OEIB and the HECC, respectively, but did not specify coordination between the two entities. A work group was convened during the interim to address implementation of the HECC and to clarify its relationship to the OEIB.

Senate Bill 1538A, containing the works group's recommendations, distinguishes the roles and duties of the HECC relative to those of the OEIB. The measure clarifies that the coordinating aspects of the HECC are not subordinate to OEIB and includes a technical amendment requested by the State Treasurer to ensure that OUS borrowing is not impacted. Senate Bill 1538A also lays the groundwork for the 2016 sunset of the OEIB.