

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Dembrow  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and as Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 21 – 1 – 3

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Garrard, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Read, Richardson, G. Smith

Nays: Thatcher

Exc: Freeman, Whisnant

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett

Nays:

Exc: Winters

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Meeting Date: February 27, 2012

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** The measure expands and clarifies the duties of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) within the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB). The HECC is under direction and control of OEIB until March 15, 2016. The measure transfers authority over dual credits and transfer credits from the Joint Boards of Education to the HECC. The measure also transfers licensing authority of career schools from the State Board of Education to HECC and clarifies OUS provisions related to borrowing through the State Treasurer or holding moneys in State Treasury. The transfer of the dual credit authority is operative July 1, 2012 and the transfer of the career schools authority is operative July 1, 2013.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact of the measure.
- Proposed amendment
- Delaying the transfer of career schools until July 2013

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Modifies the operative date for the transfer of licensing authority of career schools from the State Board of Education to the HECC from July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013.

**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.