

**SB 102**  
**Relating to education fees**

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Senate Bill 102 revises fee structure for schools requiring approval of Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to confer, or offer to confer, academic degree or provide services leading to degree. The revised fee structure is anticipated to generate an additional \$543,000 in Other Funds revenue per biennium. The Governor's budget anticipates two additional positions (1.50 FTE) within the Office of Degree Authorization, to address increased workload. The last fee adjustment for the Office of Degree Authorization was in 2005.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 102 be reported out do pass.

77<sup>th</sup> OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Session  
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: SB 102

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Frederick

Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:**

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 14, 2013

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Revises fee structure for schools requiring approval of Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to confer or offer to confer academic degree or provide services leading to degree. Declares emergency, effective on passage

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Last time fees were increased (2005)

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The bill relates to the Office of Degree Authorization (ODA), which since July 1, 2012 has been operated under the authority of the HECC. The measure attempts to address the significant issue of ensuring that ODA has the flexibility and funding to fulfill its important responsibilities under law.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 102**

Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session  
 Legislative Fiscal Office

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed Versions are Considered Official*

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 Reviewed by: Doug Wilson  
 Date: 06/06/2013

**Measure Description:**

Revises fee structure for schools requiring approval of Higher Education Coordinating Commission to confer or offer to confer academic degree or provide services leading to degree.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC)

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
General Fund	-\$117,060	
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds	441,981	488,957
Federal Funds		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$324,921</b>	<b>\$488,957</b>
Positions	2	2
FTE	1.50	1.50

**Summary of Revenue Impact**

	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
General Fund		
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds	543,000	543,000
Federal Funds		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$543,000</b>	<b>\$543,000</b>

**Local Government Mandate:**

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Analysis:** This bill revises fee structure for schools requiring approval of Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to confer or offer to confer academic degree or provide services leading to degree. The revised fee structure is anticipated to an additional \$543,000 in Other Funds revenue per biennium. The Governor's budget anticipates two additional positions (1.50 FTE) within the Office of Degree Authorization, one Program Analyst 1 and one Office Specialist 1 to address increased workload. The last time these fees were adjusted was in 2005.

	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Proposed Fee</b>
Evaluation of degree program:		
Doctorate	\$5,635	\$4,000
Master's	\$4,250	\$4,000
Bachelor's	\$4,250	\$4,000
Associate's	\$2,815	\$3,000
Evaluation of Certificate/Diploma program	\$1,025	\$2,000
Evaluation of application for religious exemption	up to \$2,125	\$1,000
Evaluation of Oregon Campus operations and student services plus ongoing oversight and on-demand technical assistance.	None	\$1,000/\$2,000
Evaluation of request for approval of program change	None	up to \$500
Evaluation of new faculty/executive staff qualifications	None	\$50/\$100
Evaluation of out-of-state school:		
Online w/o placement per school	\$250	\$1,000
Online with placement per program	\$500	\$1,000