

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 6 - 3 - 0

**Yeas:** Gallegos, Gorsek, Greenlick, Harker, Huffman, Dembrow

**Nays:** Gilliam, Johnson, Whisnant

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/11, 2/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes the State Board of Education to collect nonrefundable licensing fees for administration of licensing program for career schools. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Career school oversight
- Career school support for fee increase
- Legislative role in establishing fees

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

**BACKGROUND:** According to the Department of Education (ODE), the licensing fees for Oregon's private career schools have not been raised in 14 years. Currently, the regulation of career schools is funded through fees and not general fund allocation. Recent investigations into private career schools have been conducted at considerable cost to ODE, necessitating increases in the investigative fee to cover these costs.

House Bill 2185 raises the fee schedule to support the program, and allows the State Board of Education to determine future fee changes by rule.