77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued		
Action:		Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:		9 - 0 - 0
	Yeas:	Gallegos, Gilliam, Gorsek, Greenlick, Harker, Huffman, Johnson, Whisnant, Dembrow
	Nays:	0
	Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:		3/11, 3/27, 4/1

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to develop standards relating to engineering associate transfer degree requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Permissive versus prescriptive language
- Institution specific degree requirements
- Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer Degree (AAOT)

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes requirement for creation of standards for associate transfer degree in business.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3521 (2011) created the Student Transfer Bill of Rights and Responsibilities to address barriers to transitioning between Oregon's community colleges and universities. The measure directed the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to develop standards for students to apply credits earned through courses of study at community colleges to baccalaureate degrees and to apply credits earned at universities to associate degrees at community colleges.

House Bill 2970-A expands the scope of these statutes to include requirements for an associate transfer degree in engineering.