77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Gallegos, Gilliam, Gorsek, Greenlick, Harker, Huffman, Johnson, Whisnant, Dembrow

MEASURE: HB 2979

CARRIER: Rep. Johnson

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

Prepared By: Victoria Cox, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 3/11, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes work group to study how to implement common course numbering system for lower-division undergraduate courses at Oregon public colleges and universities. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Better college completion rates in state with common course numbering
- Challenges to implementation
- Previous efforts to establish common course numbering in Oregon

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3521 (2011) the Student Transfer Bill of Rights and Responsibilities to address barriers to transitioning between Oregon's community colleges and universities. One such barrier is a lack of consistency in course numbering across institutions.

House Bill 2979 creates a work group to study the issue and report its recommendations to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission before December 1, 2013.