

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 4 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Gallegos, Gorsek, Greenlick, Harker, Dembrow
<b>Nays:</b>	Gilliam, Huffman, Johnson, Whisnant
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/22, 4/12, 4/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expands authority and membership of Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) as specified. Transfers State Board of Education (SBE) authority for community colleges to HECC. Abolishes Oregon Student Access Commission and transfers policy-making authority to HECC and administrative authority to newly created Office of Student Access and Completion. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Higher education governance currently provided by four boards, two agencies and a public university system
- Desire to streamline state-level policymaking and oversight of post-secondary education
- Previously considered amendments creating Office of Post-Secondary Education and Workforce Development
- Prescriptive language regarding HECC membership
- Possibility of State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) serving as consortium board for universities without governing boards

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 242(2011) created the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and provides the Oregon University System (OUS) with considerable latitude for managing the affairs of the institutions. Senate Bill 909 (2011) created the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) and charged it with creating a P-20 education continuum and recommending investment strategies to achieve Oregon's 40-40-20 educational attainment goals.

House Bill 3120-A recharter the HECC and tasks it with the following:

- Advise OEIB on state goals for higher education, strategic investment and coordination of data collection
- Adopt strategic plan for achievement of state post-secondary education goals
- Recommend to Governor and OEIB consolidated higher education budget biennially
- Distribute appropriations to community colleges, public universities and student access programs
- Approve significant changes to academic programs offered by community colleges and public universities
- Adopt changes to mission statements of public universities
- Authorize degrees offered by independent post-secondary institutions operating in Oregon
- Oversee licensing of career schools

Additionally, the measure abolishes the Oregon Student Access Commission and creates the Office of Student Access and Completion. Policy-making authorities of the Commission transfer to HECC and administrative authorities transfer to the Office. The measure also transfers authorities for community colleges oversight from the State Board of Education to HECC.

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