

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows State Board of Education (Board) and Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to adopt rules relating to general governance and operation of career schools. Allows rules adopted to be specific to individual professions provided by career schools. Modifies statutory language relating to training requirements for hair design, barbering, esthetics and nail technology. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Existing process, history
- Desire to allow knowledge of career schools focused on a specialized field more access to process
- Desire to update process to reflect current best practices and streamline oversight

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon is experiencing expansion in the number, focus and complexity of private career schools. Currently, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Board govern private career schools. However, the Board has limited authority to adopt rules that govern private career schools. This is potentially problematic, as Senate Bills 242-C and 909-B (2011), and later Senate Bill 1538-B (2012), transferred oversight authority to the HECC from the Board. House Bill 2189 clarifies rule-making authority of the Board, and grants rulemaking authority to the HECC. The measure also changes training requirement language for hair design, barbering, esthetics and nail technology from competency-based to proficiency-based.