

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: 5/2

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Previous efforts to establish common course numbering in Oregon
- Benefits realized by other states from similar legislation
- In line with national best practices
- Benefits of easier access, transfer process for students

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3521 (2011) the Student Transfer Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, addresses 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-A creates a work group to study the issue. The work group must solicit significant participation from the Oregon University System and the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, and report its recommendations to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). The HECC will consider the recommendations and submit a final report to the Legislative Assembly before December 1, 2013.