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Measure Description:

Requires State Board of Higher Education and Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to conduct annual reviews of public universities and community colleges, respectively, regarding staffing to student ratios.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, Oregon University System (OUS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

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	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
General Fund	\$124,307	\$70,000
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds - NL	497,229	280,000
Federal Funds		
Total Funds	\$621,536	\$350,000

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis: This would require the Oregon University System (OUS) and the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD) to add administrative, management, faculty and classified or professional nonfaculty employees in the annual reporting of employee to student ratios. Current law requires reporting of full-time faculty, part-time faculty and graduate assistants for the purposes of employee to student ratios.

OUS would need to make substantive changes to their Human Resource system to generate the required data. The information this bill contemplates is not currently reported or tracked in the system. Initial startup costs would be to gather and code the appropriate data and subsequent years costs would be for tracking and reporting under the requirements of this bill. The figures in the table above represent the estimated costs for OUS.

CCWD anticipates the use of a United States Department of Education data collection system called IPEDS to generate this report. It is not clear if IPEDS contains all of the data elements necessary to generate the report. The overall cost to community colleges and CCWD is indeterminate. If IPEDS does not have the required data, then the cost to community colleges and CCWD could be substantial.