

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	3 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Knopp, Roblan, Hass
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Exc.:	Beyer, Kruse
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Meeting Dates:	4/25, 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to develop standards related to requirements for associate transfer degree, notably engineering programs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Existing challenges with institution specific degree requirements
- Transfer requirements/clear path for transfer students wishing to apply transfer credits
- Existing similar process with business degree requirements
- Permissive language directing HECC to develop standards

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3521 (2011) created the Student Transfer Bill of Rights and Responsibilities to address barriers to transitioning between Oregon’s community colleges and universities. The measure directed the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to develop standards for students to apply credits earned through courses of study at community colleges to baccalaureate degrees and to apply credits earned at universities to associate degrees at community colleges. One program area of note is engineering, which typically has very rigid requirements for entry into a four-year program, some of which may vary from institution to institution. House Bill 2970-A expands the scope of existing statutes to include requirements for an associate transfer degree in engineering.