

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carriers – House: Rep. Dembrow
Rep. Huffman
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

Revenue: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 22 – 2 – 2

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Freeman, Hanna, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays:

Exc: McLane

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Winters

Nays: Girod, Whitsett

Exc: Thomsen

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Meeting Date: June 28, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to provide integrated leadership, regulation and support for community colleges, universities, private career schools and financial aid programs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Composition of boards
- Method for regional universities to establish boards

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes the distribution of state appropriations by HECC so that HECC does not do the distribution but rather, in cooperation with community colleges and public universities, adopts rules governing the distribution of appropriations. It is assumed that the Chancellor's Office would once again be in charge of the actual distribution of state funding to the universities.

The amendment also requires that each community college district and president of each public university form an achievement compact advisory committee. The committee shall include administrators, faculty, educational personnel and students of the public university. If the public university already has a standing committee including the proper members, the standing committee may be designated as the achievement compact advisory committee. Requirements of this section first apply to achievement compacts entered into for fiscal years beginning with the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 242(2011) created the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and provided the Oregon University System with considerable latitude for managing the affairs of its institutions. Senate Bill 909 (2011) created the Oregon Education Investment Board and charged it with creating a P-20 education continuum and recommending investment strategies to achieve Oregon's 40-40-20 educational attainment goals. Currently, governance for post-secondary education is provided by four state boards, two state agencies and a public university system. House Bill 3120 is intended to streamline state-level policymaking and oversight of post-secondary education.