

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Joint Ways and Means

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development and Higher Education Coordinating Commission to jointly establish grant program for purpose of distributing moneys to community colleges to increase number of underserved, low-income and first-generation students. Declares emergency; effective on passage; sunsets on July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3232 (2013) delineated a series of strategic investments for the Oregon Education Investment Board designed to target specific programs to improve K-12 education and increase access to post-secondary opportunities. Provisions related to improving community college access and success for first-generation and otherwise underserved students were amended out of the measure before its passage. House Bill 4116 restores \$1.5 million funding for these programs.