

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

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Action:

Vote:

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Meeting Dates: 2/10

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes work group to study improvements to Oregon University System.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Proposed -3 amendments move deadline for Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University and Western Oregon University to notify Governor and State Board of Higher Education of intent to seek a governing board from June 1, 2015 to May 15, 2014. Also provides option for State Board of Higher Education to endorse university's decision subject to conditions recommended to Governor and Legislative Assembly.

Proposed -4 amendments contain all provisions of -3 amendments. Additionally, provides Higher Education Coordinating Commission with authority to impose fees on any educational institution that seeks to operate or participate in interstate agreement to provide post-secondary distance education.

Proposed – 6 amendments contain all provisions of -3 and -4 amendments. Additionally, provides that the Dept. of Community Colleges and Workforce Development “is established within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission” and “Creates the Task Force on Integrating the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development into the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.”

**BACKGROUND:** This measure is a placeholder for legislation to be proposed by the Joint Special Committee on University Governance.