

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** None

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**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to examine viability of program allowing students who graduated from high school in state to attend community college for specified period without paying tuition and fees. Directs HECC to submit report to interim legislative committees on education no later than September 30, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 1524-A directs the Higher Education Coordinating Committee to study the “Oregon Promise” initiative, which would extend two years of free post-secondary community college education to graduates of Oregon high schools.

(Passed Senate Committee and Senate Floor with no dissenting votes.)