77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2014 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

MEASURE: HB 4116 A

CARRIER:

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:

Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and

Means by Prior Reference

Vote:

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Yeas:

Gallegos, Gilliam, Gorsek, Greenlick, Huffman, Johnson, Smith Warner, Whisnant, Harker

Nays: Exc.:

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Prepared By:

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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 July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Success of Future Connect scholarship program
- Wraparound services including recruitment, counseling and mentoring
- Emphasis on retention/completion
- Matching funds provided by Cities of Hillsboro, Beaverton and Portland

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Eliminates references to State Board of Higher Education.

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-A restores \$1.5 million funding for these programs.