

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Dembrow  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Komp

**Revenue:**

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

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

**Vote:**

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** March 3, 2014

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires institutions of higher education to provide students with fact sheets regarding program requirements, costs of education, loans, average salary or wages, loan default rates and related data prior to enrollment. Requires annual report to Higher Education Coordinating Commission. Directs Commission to establish process for collecting program- and degree-specific completion, on-time graduation and retention rate statistics. Regulates advertising and solicitation of students by institutions of higher education. Becomes operative July 1, 2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Status of the federal websites
- Who will receive the fact sheets and when

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to annually identify the federal or national entity that best provides information about the affordability and value of institutions of higher education in Oregon. Higher education institutions are then required to link to the website of the entity identified by the HECC. The HECC is also required to work toward developing a website that provides information on the affordability and value of all institutions of higher education operating in Oregon.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 4019 requires institutions of higher education to provide prospective students with information regarding the total cost of educational programs and prospects for future employment. The measure specifies the data to be included in fact sheets and requires the institutions to submit them to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for posting on-line. The measure provides HECC with rulemaking authority to amend data included on fact sheets to comply with federal reporting requirements. Additionally, House Bill 4019 prohibits specified advertising and solicitation practices used to recruit new students.