

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Buckley
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Girod

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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

Vote: 24 – 0 – 2

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Freeman, Hanna, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays:

Exc: McLane

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Thomsen

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Meeting Date: March 5, 2014

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: This bill allows the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) and to impose a fee on educational institutions in the Oregon that elect to join SARA through the HECC. In addition, the bill transfers the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD) to the HECC, establishes a task force to develop recommendations for integrating CCWD into HECC, and changes the schedule by which Eastern Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, Western Oregon University and the Oregon Institute of Technology may convert to local governing boards.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential integration of HECC and CCWD
- Governance model for HECC and CCWD

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows the universities with governing boards to act as a central bank as OUS currently does. This will allow the State Board of Higher Education and universities with governing boards to co-mingle their funds in the Treasury and allows for borrowing and lending among these funds.

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