

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

House Committee on Higher Education, Innovation and Workforce Development

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** Revenue**Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Victoria Cox, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Extends sunset for tax credit for university venture development fund contributions. Provides that tax credit is to be claimed in one tax year. Increases amount of total outstanding contributions and corresponding tax credit certificates allowed. Requires universities with university venture development funds to achieve annual agreement for allocation of available contribution amount. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

BACKGROUND: ORS 351.697 allows public universities to establish venture development funds for the purpose of facilitating commercialization of university research and development. ORS 315.521 allows tax credits of 20% for contributions to a qualified fund not to exceed \$50,000 or the tax liability of the taxpayer for the year.

House Bill 2569 extends the sunset for such contributions from 2016 to 2023 and requires the credit to be claimed in one tax year. Additionally, the measure increases the total amount of outstanding contributions and corresponding tax credit certificates from \$6 million to \$15 million. House Bill 2569 also requires universities with venture development funds to collaborate on an annual agreement for the allocation of the contribution limit.