

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Education

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/17, 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Legislative Assembly appropriations for public universities or Oregon Health and Science University to Higher Education Coordinating Commission rather than Department of Administrative Services. Requires majority approval of commission members for official commission action. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 242 (2011) established the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), stating that the HECC’s goals should include developing a finance model for higher education, recommending appropriations to institutions, and recommending to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly a consolidated higher education budget request.

Senate Bill 219 requires that any funding requests approved by the Legislative Assembly must specify that the money be appropriated to the HECC for allocation to the state’s public universities. It also directs appropriations for the Oregon Health and Science University to the HECC, rather than to the Department of Administrative services. Senate Bill 219 additionally mandates that any official action by the commission requires the approval of a majority of the commission’s members.

A fiscal statement has been issued to reflect that the flow of funding changes, although there is no net impact.