

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Education

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits public universities from adopting policies with respect to noncredit academic activities, or from refusing student application to, enrollment or participation in noncredit academic activity on basis that student was not awarded standard high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate, or because student received modified or extended diploma. Defines noncredit academic activity.

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

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 619 prohibits any public university as listed in ORS 352.002 from refusing a student application to, enrollment or participation in any noncredit academic activities solely on the basis that the student was not awarded a standard high school diploma or GED, or holds a modified or extended diploma. Senate Bill 619 defines noncredit academic activities as any academic activity offered by a public university wherein academic credit is not offered for participation, such as auditing an academic course or participating in a continuing education or community education program. The bill still allows public universities to set academic requirements to measure preparedness or qualifications, limit the number of individuals who are not seeking credit for participating, prioritize credit-seeking enrollment, and limit the types or number of courses in which individuals who are not seeking credit may participate.