

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3335 - 2

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Requires public universities to work with Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish General Education Credential for students who complete lower division graduation credits but do not complete course credits required for bachelor's degree.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$58,182	
Total Funds	\$58,182	\$0
Positions	1	
FTE	0.25	

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The bill, as amended, directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to work with public universities to develop solutions for students who successfully complete two or more years of coursework and then leave the university without graduating and without any official recognition of the academic accomplishments.

To accomplish the direction provided in this bill the HECC plans to convene a workgroup, which would include representatives from universities, community colleges and other interested stakeholders. Staffing support for the workgroup is anticipated to require one limited- duration Operations and Policy Analyst 4 (0.25 FTE) at a cost of \$50,487 General Fund (GF) in the 2015-17 biennium. This fiscal assumes the workgroup would convene a total of 18 meetings and half would be held in Portland and half in Salem. Travel reimbursement, audio equipment rental, and conference room rental costs are estimated at a total of \$7,695 GF in the 2015-17 biennium.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that the bill does not specifically require a report nor require implementation of any of the solutions developed by HECC and the workgroup.