

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: 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to convene work group to analyze and make recommendations on how to address disparities in higher education among traditionally marginalized, underserved and underrepresented communities. Requires work group to submit report detailing analysis and recommendations to interim legislative committees on higher education by September 15, 2015. Sunsets work group on December 31, 2017. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Disparities currently exist in higher education for groups and subgroups including: people of color, people with disabilities, individuals that are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, nontraditional students, students who formerly served in the Armed Forces of the United States, students whose parents did not attend college, and students whose first language is not English.

House Bill 3308-A directs HECC to convene a work group including students, faculty, staff, and administrators from Oregon’s public universities and community colleges, to analyze and develop recommendations for addressing these disparities.