

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Education

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: No fiscal impact****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/30, 5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes name of Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development within Higher Education Coordinating Commission. Changes title of Commissioner of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to Director of Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. Changes name of Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development Account to Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development Account. Transfers rulemaking authority and designation as recipient of appropriations from Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Task force efforts and recommendations
- Collaborative process that led to measure
- Measure primarily deals with renaming the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, but also deals with the transfer of some responsibilities
- Helps to ensure a place in government for community colleges
- Amendment ensures that capital construction subaccounts properly transfer to HECC
- Broad support

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-3 amendments (proposed) provide for the transfer of specified unexpended balances between the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development and HECC.

BACKGROUND: Under House Bill 3120 (2013), HECC assumed policymaking authority for the community colleges from the State Board of Education as of July 1, 2014. Each of Oregon's 17 community colleges is governed by a locally elected board. The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD) has served as the center for support, research, and staffing for the collaborative work of the community colleges locally and statewide. House Bill 4018 (2014) established the Task Force on Integrating CCWD into the HECC. House Bill 2408-A contains the recommendations of that task force.