

House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 02/20/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Rescind Subsequent Referral To Ways And Means.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/06, 02/20

**House**

**Yeas:** 9 - Gallegos, Hayden, Johnson, McKeown, Williamson, Read, Reardon, Whisnant, Nearman

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**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. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Task force recommendations
- Collaborative effort
- Significance of change to chain of command
- Lack of known opposition

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Makes additional statutory substitutions of Higher Education Coordinating Commission and its executive director for State Board of Higher Education and its chancellor, and Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development and its commissioner. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

**BACKGROUND:**

Under House Bill 3120 (2013), the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (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.