

## STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

## House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/23/15

**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments, Be Printed Engrossed And Be Referred To Ways  
And Means By Prior Reference.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/27, 03/23

**Vote:**  
Yeas: 7 - Hayden, Johnson, McKeown, Nearman, Read, Reardon, Whisnant  
Exc: 2 - Gallegos, Williamson

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes Oregon Talent Council (OTC) and specifies membership and responsibilities. Directs OTC to advise and act as resource for state agencies and educational institutions on issues of talent development to promote growth and competitiveness of Oregon's traded sector and high growth industries. Requires OTC to develop Talent Development Plan and update each biennium. Establishes Oregon Talent Council Fund in State Treasury and appropriates moneys to OTC for purposes of Act. Abolishes Engineering and Technology Industry Council (ETIC) and associated fund and account. Transfers moneys in fund and account to Oregon Talent Council Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Chain of command structure for OTC similar to its predecessor, ETIC
- Transfer of oversight from State Board of Higher Education to Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to Employment Department
- Ability of OTC Fund to accept contributions
- Importance of strategic alignment agreements between OTC, HECC, Oregon Business Development Commission, STEM Investment Council, state and local workforce boards and the Employment Department

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Requires Oregon Talent Council to advise and act as resource for state agencies and educational institutions on issues of talent development to promote growth and competitiveness of Oregon's traded sector and high-growth industries.

**BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 504 (1997) created the Engineering and Technology Industry Council (ETIC) to establish criteria and measurements for use in determining investments from the Oregon Engineering Education Investment Fund. House Bill 4020 (2014) transferred responsibility for analyzing biennial performance reviews prepared by ETIC from the Oregon University System to the Chief Education Officer and the Oregon Education Investment Board.

House Bill 2728-A abolishes ETIC and establishes the Oregon Talent Council and related fund and transfers to it moneys remaining in ETIC funds.