

**House Committee On Education**

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/01/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/27, 03/11, 04/01

**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Doherty, Frederick, Hack, McLain, Piluso, Reardon, Sprenger, Wilson

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires ASPIRE programs to annually provide financial aid instruction to high school students and their families, including different types of loans available to students attending post-secondary institutions of education and economic impact of each type of loan. Indicates that instruction should be in conjunction with the existing ASPIRE programming.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current ASPIRE operations, reach throughout the state
- Value of awareness of all types of loans
- Goal of expanding awareness of both post-secondary and career-oriented options, including but not limited to CTE options
- Existing programs in other states, specifically Colorado
- Value of including families in ASPIRE program presentations

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Clarifies that instruction should be in conjunction with the existing ASPIRE programming. Removes language requiring inclusion of families.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Access to Student assistance Programs In Reach of Everyone (ASPIRE) programs operate with the goal of helping middle and high school students access education and training beyond high school. Students receive information about college and career options, admission, and financial aid from trained and supportive ASPIRE volunteer mentors who work one-on-one with students. ASPIRE started in 1998 with four pilot schools. ASPIRE currently operates in 145 sites across Oregon. ASPIRE is administered by the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC).