

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/06/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments, Be Printed Engrossed And Be Referred To Ways And Means By Prior Reference.**Meeting Dates:** 02/25, 04/06**Vote:**

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

Prepared By: Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Department of Education to administer pilot program to increase students' exposure and access to career and technical education (CTE) including high school, community college, apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs. Sunsets pilot program on January 2, 2018. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for purpose of pilot program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to increase exposure to CTE programs
- Desire to include programs from all providers
- Improved graduation rates for students participating in CTE
- CTE program pathways through postsecondary education

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Adds community college, apprenticeships and on-the-job training programs to high schools for development of procedure for approving full or partial college credit equivalencies for CTE courses.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 344.055 states in part that "It shall be the policy on career and technical education and employment training in this state that: Accessibility to career and technical education programs should be facilitated. Individuals should have a choice of training opportunities for which they are qualified and from which they can benefit. Such opportunities should be available from school districts, community colleges, federal and state workforce training programs, private career and technical education schools, apprenticeship programs and institutions of higher education. The student should have easy access to training with the flexibility to move in and out of programs as needs indicate. Opportunities should be available for all individuals to obtain the skills and knowledge needed for initial employment as well as for occupational upgrading and job changes."

House Bill 2623-A directs the Department of Education to develop and administer pilot programs in at least three school districts to increase students' exposure and access to career and technical education.