

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2681 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs community colleges to use results from one of four nationally available standardized assessments for purpose of determining course placement of students at community college.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$33,500	
Total Funds	\$33,500	\$0

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The bill directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and the State Board of Education to oversee and staff a work group to examine and recommend effective strategies for placing students in courses at community colleges. A preliminary report is due February 1, 2016 and a final report September 15, 2016.

Assuming the work group meets using a combination of in-person and webinar meetings the ancillary reimbursements costs are estimated at \$33,500 General Fund in the 2015-17 biennium. These cost estimates include reimbursements for mileage, meals, lodging, substitute reimbursements/stipends as well as costs associated with meeting room rentals and catering. Staff support for the work group from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and HECC is anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within the existing parameters of the agencies budgets. While the estimated staff workload has a "Minimal" fiscal impact, an agency may incur a net fiscal impact greater than minimal depending on the cumulative impact of all measures enacted into law that affect the agency.