

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/13/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 03/20, 04/10, 04/13

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Gallegos, Hayden, Johnson, McKeown, Read, Reardon, Whisnant, Williamson

Nays: 1 - Nearman

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes and defines purpose of Oregon Center of Cyber-Excellence. Requires center to conduct biennial performance review of investments to include key performance measures. Creates Center of Cyber-Excellence Fund. Appropriates General Fund moneys to Department of Consumer and Business Services for purposes of center. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Threats to cyber-security
- Need for individuals trained to work in cyber-security
- Research currently conducted in multiple venues
- Desire to bring research, training and identification of best practices together in one location

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Adds provisions related to key performance measures.

BACKGROUND:

In recognition of increasing threats to cybersecurity and a lack of qualified workers to address them, the Technology Association of Oregon and the Engineering and Technology Industry Council worked with industry partners to develop the Cyber-Studies Strategy for Oregon. This strategy resulted in a proposal to establish the Oregon Center for Cyber-Excellence to: Coordinate cyber-security education; share cyber-expertise and disseminate best practices; and facilitate cyber-security research.

House Bill 2996-A establishes such a center and provides for its membership to be determined by the Department of Consumer and Business Services in consultation with the Governor or the Governor's designee. Key performance measures outlined in the bill are to be included in biennial review.