

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/15/15

Action: Do Pass. Refer To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 04/13, 04/15

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows school district and post-secondary institutions of education to apply for funding to form K-20 partnership. Appropriates \$2.5 million from general fund. Sunsets funding authority June 30, 2017. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Value of K-20 partnerships
- Measure as enabling pilot program for K-20 partnerships
- Bill as deliberately broad so as to enable broad range of potential participants

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3291 allows school districts and public universities to establish a “K-20 partnership,” defined as a pipeline between grade school and graduate school. The school district and each post-secondary institution of education participating in the K-20 partnership will coordinate student education, create innovative educational collaboration projects, coordinate communications and maintain and improve working relationships among the partners. The bill appropriates \$2.5 million from the general fund, allows school districts to submit an application for funding to the Superintendent of Public Instruction no later than March 2016, for the purpose of establishing such a partnership.