

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Senate Committee On Education****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/21/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.  
(Printed A-Engrossed.)**Meeting Dates:** 04/14, 04/16, 04/21**Vote:**

Yeas: 7 - Baertschiger Jr, Beyer, Gelser, Hass, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) solicit applications from public universities to participate in career advising and mentorship pilot program. Specifies criteria for selecting from applications two universities to participate in pilot program. Requires HECC and selected universities present final program framework and implementation plan during 2016 regular session of Legislative Assembly. Requires progress report on results of pilot program during 2017 regular session of Legislative Assembly. Appropriates unspecified amount from General Fund to HECC for allocation to public universities for purpose of pilot program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of advice and assistance when moving from college to career
- Factors that support career success
- Role of mentors in career-related decision-making and success
- Examples of mentorship programs at other universities and colleges

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Removes provision that HECC select University of Oregon (UO) or Oregon State University (OSU) to design and develop student career advising and mentorship pilot program. Requires instead that HECC solicit applications from public universities to participate in pilot program. Specifies criteria for selection. Requires selection of two universities by January 1, 2016. Requires HECC and selected universities present final program framework and implementation plan during 2016 regular session of Legislative Assembly. Requires progress report on results of pilot program during 2017 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

**BACKGROUND:**

While many Oregon institutions of higher education provide career advising and other services, such as the Career Development Center at OSU or Career Center at UO, there is currently no statutory requirement for a specific career advising or mentorship program at public universities.

Senate Bill 860-A requires HECC to solicit applications from public universities in order to select two universities to participate in a career advising and mentorship program. In addition to specifying other selection criteria, the bill requires that one selected university have less than 10,000 enrolled undergraduate students, and that the other have 10,000 or more undergraduate students. In addition, the bill requires that an unspecified amount be appropriated to HECC for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, to be allocated to the two universities selected for the pilot

program. Senate Bill 860-A requires both a preliminary presentation to the Legislative Assembly during the 2016 legislative session and a progress report on the results of the program during the 2017 legislative session.