

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/04/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 04/22, 05/04

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits individual enrolled in alternative education program to be considered out-of-school youth for purposes of federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Pending changes in federal regulations
- Need to adapt Oregon statutes to remain in compliance
- Examples of out-of-school programs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) provides job seekers access to employment, education, training and support services. It also matches employers with qualified workers, and with providers of appropriate services for out-of-school youth.

Senate Bill 686-A allows students who are enrolled in alternative education program to be included in the definition of “out-of-school” youth for purposes of the state’s implementation of WIOA.