

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**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:**

Directs appropriations for public universities and Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) to Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) rather than Department of Administrative Services. Requires majority approval of HECC members for official action. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Measure requested by Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
- Need for OHSU appropriation to go through an agency
- Letter of support submitted by OHSU
- Clarification needed for HECC quorum and voting standards

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 242 (2011) established the HECC and tasked it with developing a model for higher education funding that included recommended appropriations to institutions and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly for a consolidated budget request for higher education. However, appropriations for OHSU are currently made to DAS as established prior to the creation of the HECC.

Senate Bill 219 amends ORS 353.140 to direct appropriations for OHSU to the HECC rather than to DAS. Additionally, the measure provides that a majority of appointed HECC members is required to initiate official action. Previously, action required only a majority of members present given the presence of a quorum.