

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2870 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to evaluate methods to improve effectiveness of public education at university level.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
Other Funds	198,452	
Total Funds	\$198,452	\$0
Positions	1	
FTE	1.00	

Summary of Revenue Impact

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
Other Funds	198,452	
Total Funds	\$198,452	\$0

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The bill permits the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to enter into contracts with independent nonprofit post-secondary institutions of education that are exempt from certain HECC regulations. The bill also permits HECC to adopt rules governing the resolution of complaints filed against these institutions.

The HECC anticipates the need for one additional limited-duration Compliance Specialist 3 position (1.00 FTE) at a cost of \$190,452 Other Funds (OF) in the 2015-17 biennium. This position will implement rules, contracts, and fulfill tasks and responsibilities associated with the review, investigation, hearing process, and resolution of complaints. In addition, there will be database programing costs associated with adding the ability to register and track cases, which will require a contractor estimated at \$3,000 OF in the 2015-17 biennium. Upfront legal fees are anticipated to cost about \$5,000 OF in the 2015-17 biennium. Since workload and revenue generated from fees paid by these institutions will be driven entirely by caseload, no additional fiscal assumptions have been made for the 2017-19 biennium at this time. The noted uncertainty surrounding this measure's fiscal impact in the second biennium suggests that the agency may request additional resources at a later time when caseload demand can be more appropriately projected.