

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/23/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 06/23

Vote:

House

Yeas: 9 - Buckley, Gomberg, Huffman, Komp, Nathanson, Rayfield, Read, Whisnant, Williamson

Nays: 2 - McLane, Whitsett

Exc: 1 - Smith

Senate

Yeas: 11 - Burdick, Devlin, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

Nays: 1 - Whitsett

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires out-of-state schools obtain approval from Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for educational credit or degree offered within Oregon unless party to interstate agreement. Authorizes HECC to charge \$7,000 biennial fee for review and oversight of out-of-state schools not party to interstate agreement and \$1,000 for each new program application. Authorizes HECC to charge out-of-state schools \$1,000 fee if offering practicums in Oregon, unless placements are part of an online program offered by a school. Defines “practicum” to include internships and other placements. Allows HECC to waive fee for one-time placements or residents returning for practicums or internships. Authorizes HECC to charge fee up to \$1,000 for new program applications of career schools. Applies to applications, approval requests and fees imposed on or after September 1, 2015. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fees are not currently being assessed by HECC for this institutional review

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 242 (2011) established the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. Within HECC, the Office of Degree Authorization (ODA) is required by statute “to provide for the protection of the citizens of Oregon and their postsecondary schools by ensuring the quality of higher education and preserving the integrity of an academic degree as a public credential.” Under this mission, HECC and the ODA review, oversee, and authorize postsecondary academic programs.