

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development**

**Fiscal:** May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

**Revenue:** May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

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**Action Date:**

**Action:**

**Meeting Dates:** 02/01

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Clarifies duties of Executive Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion. Excludes Oregon community colleges, public universities and Oregon Health and Science University from definition of “school” in degree authorization provisions, rather than exempt institutions from these provisions.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

House Bill 3120 (2013) expanded the membership and authority of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), abolished the Oregon Student Access Commission and replaced it with the Office of Student Access and Completion under the HECC. Additionally, the measure empowered the HECC to authorize degrees offered by independent post-secondary institutions operating in Oregon.

House Bill 4019 establishes the duties of the Executive Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion, many of which were originally assigned to the Executive Director of the HECC. Additionally, the measure changes the definition of “school” in degree authorization provisions to exclude public universities and community colleges, as opposed to exempting them from these provisions.