

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

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Office of Student Access and Completion to provide support services to promote success of students in Oregon Promise program. Takes effect July 1, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Proposed -2 amendments require Oregon Promise students to complete approved first-year experience to maintain grant eligibility. Specify that support services provided must be tailored to improve academic success or completion rates. Decrease Emergency Board appropriation for current biennium by \$2,500,000 and appropriate same amount to Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for equitable distribution to community colleges. Require community colleges to provide specified support services. Require each community college to report expenditures to HECC no later than Nov. 31, 2016 and HECC to report to appropriate legislative committee no later than Dec. 31, 2016. Clarify that students graduating from private schools are eligible for Oregon Promise grants. Changes GPA language to align with federal financial aid requirements. Declare an emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 81 (2015) created the Oregon Promise program to waive community college tuition for Oregon students meeting specified criteria. House Bill 4076 requires the Office of Student Access and Completion to provide support services to Oregon Promise participants “tailored to help persons transition from high school to community college and achieve success at a post-secondary institution of higher education.” The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program for Higher Education is an example of the type of support services proposed in the bill.