



House Bill 4019A
Senate Education Committee
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Chair Roblan, Vice Chair Knopp and members of the committee. For the record, my name is Dana Richardson, Deputy Director for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

I am here today to speak to House Bill 4019A. This is a clean-up bill for a few higher education statutes.

In this bill, the HECC is seeking to clarify that:

- (Section 1) References in Oregon Student Access & Completion (OSAC) statutes are to the OSAC Executive Director and not the HECC Executive Director;
- (Section 2) Statutes dealing with diploma mills do not include community colleges, public universities or OHSU, by definition;
- (Section 3) Certain schools have to operate in Oregon for 10 years, rather than 5, to be exempt from HECC oversight; and
- (Section 9) Certain exempt religious institutions report to the HECC rather than OSAC.

Section 7 of the bill also adds dependents of veterans or people who left Oregon to serve in the Peace Corps to those who can return to Oregon and get in-state tuition. Dependents were left out of a bill that established these benefits last Session (House Bill 2670 (2015)).

Section 8 makes an additional change to Individual Development Accounts that I will defer the description of to Neighborhood Partnerships who are seeking the technical change.

In short, this is a technical fix bill and I hope I have explained it to your satisfaction. Thank you for your attention and I would be happy to answer any questions.