

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 02/03/16**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Bill Be Referred To Ways And Means.  
(Printed A-Eng.)**Meeting Dates:** 02/03**Vote:**

Yeas: 7 - Gallegos, Hayden, Johnson, McKeown, Read, Reardon, Whisnant

Exc: 2 - Hoyle, Nearman

**Prepared By:** Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires community colleges to provide support services for students receiving Oregon Promise grants. Specifies that support services must be provided at each campus to implement proven multiyear strategies that incorporate elements of student services and faculty and staff development to improve academic success or completion rates. Reallocates \$2,500,000 Emergency Board appropriation for current biennium to Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for equitable distribution to community colleges to fund support services. Requires each community college to report related expenditures to HECC no later than Nov. 31, 2016 and HECC to report to appropriate legislative committee no later than Dec. 31, 2016. Requires Oregon Promise students to complete approved first-year experience to maintain grant eligibility. Clarifies that students graduating from private schools are eligible for Oregon Promise grants. Changes grade point average language to align with federal financial aid requirements. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Oregon Promise community college tuition waiver program
- Need for wraparound support services to enhance persistence and completion
- AVID for Higher Education as an example of support services programs
- Funds for program already allocated for transition services in SB 418 (2015)
- Need for rapid implementation to meet needs of first class of Oregon Promise students entering college this fall

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 81 (2015) created the Oregon Promise program to waive community college tuition for Oregon students meeting specified criteria. Senate Bill 418 (2015) directed the HECC to convene a work group to study approaches to improving transition to college for students receiving Oregon Promise grants. The Emergency Board subsequently allocated \$6.8 million to fund implementation of work group recommendations. House Bill 4076A reallocates \$2.5 million of those funds to the HECC for the purpose of establishing support services at all Oregon community colleges. The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program for Higher Education is an example of the type of support services proposed in the bill.