

HB 2369 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs public universities to compile and publish annual report detailing the complete cost of obtaining a bachelor's degree in each major, including tuition, housing, supplies, mandatory fees and other expenses routinely incurred by students in the major. Requires report include percentage of graduates by major who are employed one year following graduation. Requires universities to provide report to enrolled students. Allows universities to adopt standards for implementation.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

All of Oregon's public universities currently provide each student an annual assessment of the costs listed in House Bill 2369 by major. However, the universities do not currently calculate the total cost of the bachelor's degree by major.

At least three of the seven institutions issue a graduation survey that does solicit information from recent graduates on employment status within six months, starting salary, major in college, and whether current employment is in the same field as the major discipline.