

HB 2147 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires each post-secondary institution of education to annually provide Department of Education and Higher Education Coordinating Commission with number of high school graduates from each school district enrolled at institution, and graduation rate at institution for Oregon high school graduates from each school district.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Requires the Department of Education to annually provide each school district the post-secondary enrollment and graduation rate information related to high school graduates from that school district.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

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

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and school districts currently collect and maintain data on students who enroll in accelerated college credit programs such as dual credit programs.

The National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) is a national independent entity that maintains electronic student record data, partnering with post-secondary institutions and state agencies to collect and provide data about student enrollment and performance. NSC reports that approximately 90% of colleges and universities participate in their service. The ODE currently provides NSC student-specific information such as names and birth dates of Oregon high school graduates, and post-secondary institutions provide NSC student enrollment and graduation data. NSC then provides ODE the post-secondary information that assists the agency in its ability to track high school students following high school graduation. ODE currently produces a report that shows college-going rates of Oregon high school graduates by school district. The agency also has data on which post-secondary institutions each Oregon high school graduate attends, but have not produced a publicly available report with that information to-date.

The Oregon Employment Department reports that there is currently no way to track individual high school graduates or non-graduates that enter the workforce directly.