

SB 138 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to promulgate rules establishing career and technical education pathways that facilitate students' progress from high school to post-secondary education. Requires both agencies to present the new rules to legislative committees on education and higher education during the 2018 legislative session. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- student success
- definition of career pathways
- achievement gaps
- 234 pathways mapped across Oregon
- use of rulemaking process to establish pathways
- workforce needs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Career and technical education pathways programs, sometimes called programs of study, provide assistance to students in the transition from high school to college and then into careers. These programs relate to specific career paths, link a student's entire secondary and post-secondary education, and can incorporate elements such as a prescribed sequence of courses, mentoring, or apprenticeships.