

HB 3335 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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Meeting Dates: 3/30, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to develop plan for enabling community colleges to offer an associate's degree completed in coordination with credits earned in a registered apprenticeship or training program that is a minimum of four years in length. Requires plan to 1) ensure participation in apprenticeship or training program will satisfy any mathematics requirement needed to obtain associate's degree, 2) clearly state additional general education requirements needed to obtain associate's degree, 3) ensure accelerated college credit programs count towards satisfying additional general education requirements to obtain associate's degree and 4) ensure participation in the program is available to individuals who completed applicable apprenticeship or training program in previous years. Requires HECC to submit report containing plan and proposed legislation to Legislative Assembly interim committees of higher education by December 1, 2018. Specifies additional report requirements. Creates sunset on January 2, 2019. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Adds requirement that report shall also include number of additional associate's degrees expected to be earned under the program during each biennium. Deletes requirement that report include a recommendation as to whether the program should be implemented.

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, the HECC and community college district boards both play a role in the approval of associate's degrees and oversight of curricular programming. Currently, relationships vary between registered apprenticeship programs and community colleges. Some apprenticeship and training programs occur in partnership with community colleges, sometimes occurring on community college campuses. Some apprenticeship and community colleges offer similar, competitive programming. The transfer of credit from an apprenticeship or training program to a local community college is also currently variable in Oregon.