

HB 2147 -A2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires each post-secondary institution of education to annually provide Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Higher Education Coordinating Commission with number of high school graduates from each school district enrolled at institution, and graduation rate at institution for school district-specific Oregon high school graduates. Requires ODE to annually provide each school district the post-secondary enrollment and graduation rate information related to high school graduates from that school district.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current information gaps between high school districts and post-secondary institutions in Oregon
- Value of school districts possessing information about student pathways and success following high school graduation
- Information regarding which post-secondary institution a student enrolls in and whether the student graduates, is currently anecdotal
- Metrics provide opportunities for demonstration of progress toward state education goals, analysis of district differences and modification of strategic planning

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A2 Replaces the measure. Requires higher education institutions to provide the following information to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) annually: the number of Oregon high school graduates from each school district enrolled at the institution and the graduation rate at that institution for Oregon high school graduates from each school district. Requires HECC to submit that information to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). Requires ODE to provide that information to school districts. Excludes career schools.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, student-specific data on post-secondary enrollment and graduation rates exists, but school districts typically do not have access to the information. 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 percent of colleges and universities participate in their service. ODE currently provides NSC with 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 to date produced a publicly available report with that information.

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.