

SB 207 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires public universities and community colleges to give credit, beginning with 2018-19 school year, for students who participated in advanced placement (AP) program and received successful grade on nationwide examination. Defines successful grade as score of three or higher on AP exam.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

SENATE FLOOR VOTE: 29-0-1-0

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Advanced placement (AP) classes are offered by high schools under guidelines issued by the College Board, a national non-profit corporation. The College Board has standards for advanced placement courses in over 30 subjects, including several science fields, mathematics, computer science, history, English, and several foreign languages. AP exams are scored on a five-point scale: 5 - extremely well qualified; 4 - well qualified; 3 - qualified; 2 - possibly qualified; and 1 - no recommendation. In 2016, nearly 20,000 Oregon high school students enrolled in advanced placement courses. For the 31,867 exams taken, Oregon students' mean score was 2.93 out of 5.