

HB 2147 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 05/02/17

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Gelser, Kruse, Linthicum, Roblan

Exc: 1 - Hass

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current information gaps between Oregon high school districts and post-secondary institutions in Oregon
- Value of school districts possessing information about student pathways and success following high school graduation
- School districts' lack of information regarding which post-secondary institution a student enrolls in and whether the student graduates

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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 attendance 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.