

HB 2696 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 05/31/17
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Roblan
Exc: 1 - Ferrioli
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits community college district measures related to bonding to be included in state voters' pamphlet if county does not print and distribute voters' pamphlet for election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of voter information and education
- Inability of Southwestern Oregon Community College to access voters' pamphlet for bond measure
- Issues facing rural community colleges

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Secretary of State produces and distributes a state voters' pamphlet for each primary and general election that provides information about the candidates and measures that will appear on the upcoming ballot. The voters' pamphlet also includes instructions for marking the ballot, a complete list of federal and state candidates and other information to assist in the voting process. One copy of the voters' pamphlet is mailed to every household in the state, and additional copies are available at the Secretary of State's office, local post offices, courthouses and all county elections offices.

County clerks are also authorized to prepare and distribute a local voters' pamphlet with information about local candidates and measures appearing on the ballot. To save on mailing and production costs, a county that prepares a local voters' pamphlet may enter into an agreement with the state to insert the local voters' pamphlet into the state voters' pamphlet. If a county does not produce a local pamphlet, county and local government candidates, including metropolitan service district candidates and city candidates in cities with populations over 50,000, are eligible to appear in the state voters' pamphlet.

House Bill 2696-A permits community college district bonding measures to be included in the state voters' pamphlet if the county does not print and distribute a local voters' pamphlet.