



February 13, 2018

House Higher Education Committee  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem OR 97301

Re: House Bill 4053

Chair Jeff Reardon and Members of the Committee,

Assessment of Accelerated College Credit

The universities are supportive of the intent of House Bill 4053. However, we do have concerns regarding the timeline and the cost for implementation. The University of Oregon supports the goals of gathering more data to assess accelerated college credit. That assessment will be useful for our state leaders, both in the legislature and in education, to better understand the impact that accelerated college credits carry for high school students in Oregon who attend community colleges and four-year public schools in the state.

My registrar colleagues across the state and I look forward to participating in this important assessment work. Just like we carefully perform assessments on our campuses to be sure our investments in our programs and work are effective, we know that you want to do the same thing. We applaud those efforts and look forward to participating in the efforts.

Concern for Timeline and Concern for Cost

Successful implementation of the assessment spelled out in this legislation is not possible without a longer timeline and without additional resources. It will not be quick or easy to gather the data needed for the reporting. I request that a reasonable amount of time is allowed for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to work with the public higher education institutions to gather this data. I request that resources be provided for the data collection and analysis work at the institutions.

Providing a representative sampling (as the current bill states) does reduce the combined review time for individual student records by staff at individual institutions. However, providing a representative sampling does not reduce the complexity of that review of individual student records. Providing a representative sampling does nothing to reduce the resources or time needed for the collaboration work across institutions and with the HECC to create a structure for collecting this data.

Need for a Work Group

To meet the intent of the legislation, a work group is needed to set up the structure so that the HECC can successfully meet the reporting requirements. The needed data is recorded in different ways and in different systems across different institutions. Some of the needed data may not be captured currently. To bring the needed data together, representatives from the HECC, the four-year public institutions and the community colleges need to come together. To build a structure for the data to be collected, submitted to the HECC, and merged between the technical systems of the two-year and four-year institutions, an investment of time and resources is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julia A. Pomerenk'.

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