

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: HB 4053 - A7**79th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2018 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official***

---

Prepared by: Krista Dauenhauer  
Reviewed by: Doug Wilson  
Date: 2/26/2018

---

**Measure Description:**

Requires Chief Education Office to prepare annual report on accelerated college credit programs.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Community Colleges defined in ORS 341.005, Chief Education Office (CEdO), Public Universities listed in ORS 352.002, Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

**Analysis:**

The bill directs the Chief Education Office (CEdO), in collaboration with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), to prepare an annual report on accelerated college credit programs by December 1, 2018. After June 30, 2019 the HECC becomes the entity responsible for producing the report. The HECC must determine a methodology for developing a representative sample size, for the report, of students that meet certain specifications under the bill. Public postsecondary institutions of education must provide, to the HECC, by September 1 of each year information required for the report. The HECC then must provide the data to CEdO. The report must be provided to the following entities: Governor, Department of Education (ODE), HECC, and the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education, the governing board of each community college district, the governing board of each public university listed in ORS 352.002, and school districts. The reporting requirement is repealed January 2, 2029. The HECC must also adopt statewide standards for public post-secondary institutions of education to make information related to accelerated college credit programs available on each institution's website.

Overall the ramifications of this bill are indeterminate due to the unknown sample size, methodology, and guidelines that the HECC will develop for the accelerated college credit report; as well as the standards for accelerated college credit report on institutions' websites. This information will drive costs associated with data collection and report development, especially by postsecondary institutions.

**Chief Education Office (CEdO)**

Funding in the 2017-19 biennium for the Chief Education Office (CEdO) budget has only been appropriated for the first year of the biennium (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018), see SB 5522 (2017). There is a special purpose appropriation (SPA) to the Emergency Board for the second year of the biennium. Action must be taken by the Legislature during this session or the Emergency Board to make this SPA available to the CEdO for second year expenditures. If second year funding is made available for the CEdO at current levels for the remainder of the 2017-19 biennium, the impact of the bill would be minimal and absorbable within budgetary parameters. The agency has existing staff with capacity to develop the report which is due December 1, 2018.

**Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)**

The HECC must develop sample methodology and guidelines for post-secondary institutional reporting. HECC would also collate the data provided by the public post-secondary institutions and produce the annual report beginning with the report which is due December 1, 2019.

A permanent Operations and Policy Analyst 4 position (0.13 FTE) is anticipated to develop sample methodology and guidelines for post-secondary institutional reporting in 2018 and write the annual report in subsequent years; this is estimated cost of \$26,661 personal services and \$2,133 services and supplies per biennium. Working with the post-secondary institutions on a regular basis to submit data and analyze results is anticipated to require a Research Analyst 3 (0.50 FTE) for an estimated cost of \$84,456 personal services and \$6,757 services and supplies in the 2019-21 biennium. An Information Services Specialist 7 (0.25 FTE) will coordinate data submissions with the postsecondary institutions for an estimated cost of \$51,175 personal services and \$4,094 services and supplies in the 2017-19 biennium. Subsequent years would not require as much work so the position would be reduced to 0.13 FTE for an estimated cost of \$25,588 personal services and \$2,047 services and supplies in the 2019-21 biennium.

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>2017-19 Biennium</b>	<b>2019-21 Biennium</b>
General Fund	\$175,276	\$147,642
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$175,276</b>	<b>\$147,642</b>
Positions	3	3
FTE	0.88	0.75

Public Universities listed in ORS 352.002 and Community Colleges defined in ORS 341.005

Public universities and community colleges report that the anticipated workload associated with this bill is indeterminate until the HECC has developed the methodology used to extrapolate a representative sampling of the student population that meets the requirements outlined in the bill. However public universities indicate that the collection and reporting of data for the report will require at least a portion (0.50 FTE) of a position at each institution because transcripts may require a manual review process. Based on this assumption, costs for public universities are reported to cost roughly \$420,000 in the 2017-19 biennium and \$700,000 in the 2019-21 biennium.