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To: Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Lisa Gezelter, Committee Analyst

Re: Committee drafts for introduction on Monday, January 13, 2020

LC 30 makes technical changes to aid the Oregon Department of Education in implementing the Student Success Act, House Bill 3427 (2019). The measure adjusts the definition of eligible student for free and reduced-price lunches, changes meal programs' reimbursement rate to that established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and changes the effective date of provisions relating to summer learning programs so that programs may be funded for the summer of 2020.

LC 87 incorporates the provisions of Senate Bill 730-A (2019) and Senate Bill 800-A (2019), allows the use of Oregon Opportunity Grant funds to pay for scholarships for children of public safety officers, and allows Oregon's regional universities to offer professional doctorate degrees. The measure adds foundational curricula and unified statewide transfer agreements into the Transfer Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, makes specified changes to the Transfer Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, shifts reporting responsibilities from each public higher education institution to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and changes reporting requirements, requires HECC to establish an advisory committee relating to the Transfer Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, requires HECC to submit a report relating to an electronic system for disseminating information on foundational curricula and unified statewide transfer agreements, and requires HECC to convene a group of stakeholders to assist with aligning credits earned through dual credit programs with requirements of foundational curricula.

LC 128 makes technical changes to aid school districts and the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) in implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 155 (2019), as well as adding education service district board members to the list of mandatory reporters in ORS 419b.005. The measure ensures that school districts and employees accused of sexual conduct can receive TSPC's investigative reports, allows districts to use those reports to make discipline and employment determinations, creates exceptions to the verbal communication portion of the sexual conduct definition for classes such as health and for student-requested counseling, and creates an exception to the sexual conduct definition for students who also work for school districts so that they may have consensual relationships with their peers.