

SB 17 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Task Force on the Implementation of Electronic Transcripts in High School. Directs the Superintendent of Public instruction and the Executive Director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to each appoint six members. Establishes membership, quorum, voting, meeting, and staffing requirements. Directs the task force to determine how to implement a system to provide every Oregon student with an electronic transcript. Establishes criteria for making the determination. Requires task force to submit a report to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2019. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Electronic transcripts, or eTranscripts, is a web-based transcript system that allows high schools and higher education institutions to share students' academic information electronically. An eTranscript is considered an official high school academic record. Currently, each Oregon school district uses its own distinct transcript system. Senate Bill 17 creates a task force to determine how an eTranscript system can make it easier for Oregon students to track accelerated learning credits, enroll in post-secondary institutions, and access financial aid. The task force must also identify any costs, benefits, and implications to school districts, community colleges, public universities and the state.