

SB 794 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires forms used to collect demographic information by community colleges and public universities to include a question allowing students to identify as a parent. Requires institutions to provide data to HECC. Establishes data collection and reporting requirements. Requires HECC to provide progress report and available parent data during each regular session of the Legislative Assembly. Authorizes HECC to adopt rules. First applies to the 2020-2021 academic year.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon has 17 community colleges and seven public universities, serving over 450,000 students each year. In Oregon, public universities are governed by institutional governing boards, and community colleges are governed by locally-elected district boards. At the state level, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) coordinates policy related to Oregon's public universities and community colleges, including collecting statewide data on student demographics such as gender, race, ethnicity and first-generation status. Senate Bill 794 requires statewide demographic data to include students identifying as parents.