

HB 2651 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission conduct study on public universities to identify duplications or redundancies in degree and certificate programs, classes, and other programs, and identifying methods for consolidation or elimination of such redundancies. Requires report be submitted to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020. Repeals act on January 2, 2021. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces contents of measure. Requires the public university notify the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) of any intention to make a significant change to an academic program when beginning preliminary planning. Allows HECC to establish process by rule to determine whether approved academic programs meet the requirements. Takes effect on academic programs approved after effective date of this act.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 350.085 allows the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to approve any significant changes to Oregon public university academic programs. This is managed by the Office of University Coordination within the HECC.