

HB 2594 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/25, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$300,000 out of the General Fund for the Sustainable City Year Program at the University of Oregon beginning July 1, 2019. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interest in providing similar program to other universities in the state
- Clarification of application of program and example partnership providers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The University of Oregon has a Sustainable City Year Program which matches students to an Oregon city, county, special district, tribe, or government agency for the academic year. The program allows students to provide real solutions to community challenges and sustainable development. The course allows students to conduct research, visit communities, engage with stakeholders, and present their findings during a campus session. Partnerships have included Metro, Springfield and Lane District County, City of Redmond, City of Albany, TriMet etc.

House Bill 2594 would appropriate \$300,000 from the General Fund for the Sustainable City Program at the University of Oregon beginning July 1, 2019.