

HB 3280 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Alters commissioner composition of Higher Education Coordinating Commission by redesignating five nonvoting positions as voting members, and adding one position from a public university. Redesignates the following members as voting members: undergraduate student at public university, graduate student at public university, faculty member, student at community college, faculty member at community college, and non-faculty member at community college as voting members. Applies to appointments made on or after effective date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 242 (2011) created the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, a volunteer commission responsible for advising the governor and Legislative Assembly on postsecondary education. House Bill 3120 (2013) defined the role of the HECC as a policy and budgetary authority for higher education in Oregon, while establishing specific roles and oversight responsibilities. The HECC is charged with approving academic programs for public universities and colleges, allocating the Oregon Opportunity Grant, authorize private career schools and private degree-granting institutions to operate, and other duties.