HB 2030 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Renames Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Advisory Committee to Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Advisory Board. Clarifies governing structure for Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Advisory Committee members. Alters requirements for Oregon Community Stewardship Corps voucher to require program last minimum 12-months and maximizes voucher amount. Allows vouchers to pay for tuition, books, or other services. Clarifies authority of Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) granted by the Legislative Assembly. Clarifies intention of HECC acquiring fingerprints for purpose of criminal records check for private career school agents. Allows public universities to qualify for grant program established by Oregon Business Development Department for seismic rehabilitation of public building. Effective June 30, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Provisions relating to changes affecting the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's authority

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Removes provisions relating to Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. Allows the grant recipient to be eligible in an amount equal to the average cost of tuition at a community college in this state if the cost for tuition exceeds the \$1,000 and the average cost of tuition. Allows person to be eligible for \$1,000 grant if the Office determines the person's cost of tuition is less than \$1,000. Clarifies public university professionals as those categorized under local, state or federal agency licensed or certified to provide mental health or health services in academic programs. Declares emergency, effective 91st day after sine die.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) provides grant funding, training and resources to youth serving agencies across Oregon. It was created in 1987 to emulate the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. The OYCC has an advisory committee that was established in 1987 to advise the program director on program implementation. SB 242 (2011) created the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and it became operative in 2012. The Private Career School licensing unit was established in 1955, and resided under the Oregon Department of Education, until it moved to the HECC.