

HB 3212 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/25, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to consult with public universities and community colleges to conduct study on transfer credits between community colleges and universities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Work of consortium and discussions between universities in Southern Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces contents of measure. Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish pilot program to assist public post-secondary institutions in Klamath County, Jackson County, and Josephine County with expanding scope of consortium. Defines consortium association between Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Community College, Southern Oregon University and Rogue Community College. Directs pilot program to provide funding for navigators, explore feasibility of recruitments into program, and develop benchmarks to measure success of consortium. Appropriates \$500,000 from General Fund to expand consortium and repeals this January 2, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Community College, Southern Oregon University and Rogue Community College have been working together as a Southern Oregon Higher Education Consortium in order to improve the educational attainment of underserved populations in Southern Oregon.