

HB 2263 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Department of Education (ODE), in collaboration with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), to administer the Accelerated College Credit Planning Partnership Grant Program. Defines accelerated college credit programs as dual credit, two-plus-two, advanced placement, and International Baccalaureate programs. Requires grants to be distributed to encourage partnerships between school districts or education service districts (ESDs) and post-secondary institutions to offer accelerated college credit programs. Requires grant applicants to include at least one school district or ESD with less than five percent of students participating in accelerated programs or a low percentage of historically underrepresented students attending a post-secondary institution. Requires grant applicants to create a plan to offer courses and to establish a partnership agreement, as specified. Provides allowable uses for grants. Requires courses funded by grant to comply with standards to ensure transfer of credits to public community colleges and universities. Directs ODE, in collaboration with the HECC, to administer the Accelerated College Credit Partnership Enhancement Grant Program. Requires grants to be distributed to enhance accelerated college credit program partnerships. Provides allowable uses for grants. Requires ODE to consider previous enrollment in accelerated programs and credits earned by historically underrepresented students in post-secondary institutions when awarding enhancement grants. Renames training grant program established under ORS 340.320 to the Accelerated College Credit Instructor Grant Program. Requires grants to be distributed to provide education or training to instructors in accelerated college credit programs. Provides allowable uses for grants. Directs ODE to provide grants to school districts to pay tuition costs for up to 65 high school instructors and to post-secondary institutions to develop at least six content areas of graduate course offerings in the 2019-2020 biennium. Requires all moneys received for grant programs to be paid to the Accelerated College Credit Account established under ORS 340.330. Requires ODE to submit a report on grant programs to the Legislative Assembly no later than December 1 of each year. Directs HECC to identify graduate courses that meet dual credit program qualifications and submit a report on the study to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020. Directs the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to study whether to create an accelerated learning specialization and submit a report on the study to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 340.300 requires school districts to provide students with opportunities to earn college credit while in high school through accelerated college credit programs. Accelerated programs include dual credit, two-plus-two, advanced placement, and International Baccalaureate programs. The Chief Education Office has identified several issues related to Oregon's accelerated programs: equitable access to programs for rural and under-represented students, support for students and their families, and the ability to transfer college credits earned in high school to Oregon public community colleges and universities. House Bill 2263 A consolidates current ODE grant-in-aid programs related to accelerated learning into three new grant programs to encourage partnerships between

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school districts and higher education institutions to offer accelerated college credit opportunities. It also requires HECC and TSPC to study possible ways to increase the number of qualified instructors.

PRELIMINARY