

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 3212 A**

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**Measure Description:**

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to conduct study to determine whether additional legislation is necessary to enhance process of transferring academic credits between community colleges and public universities.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Community Colleges, Public Universities, Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund	\$500,000	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Positions		
FTE		

**Analysis:** The bill directs the Southern Oregon Higher Education Consortium to identify and remove systemic barriers that prevent students from transferring between consortium institutions as well as assisting students in transferring between consortium institutions. The Southern Oregon Higher Education Consortium is made up of the Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Community College, Southern Oregon University, and Rogue Community College.

The bill also directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to provide pilot program grants to Consortium institutions to expand the scope and effectiveness of the Consortium. Grant funds would be used to fund navigators to work directly with students and institution staff in identifying barriers and assisting in transfers. Funds would also be used to explore the feasibility of shared recruitment and admissions and to develop benchmarks and metrics to measure the success of the Consortium. The Consortium will provide a report to the HECC no later than February 1, 2021. HECC will provide a report on the Consortium to the Legislative Assembly no later than March 1, 2021. The bill appropriates \$500,000 General Fund to the HECC for the pilot grants.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State’s General Fund.