

HB 2809 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/03/19

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Hernandez, Neron, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman, Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/25, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to establish competency-based pilot program to assist public post-secondary institutions of education with expanding competency-based education. Requires program to issue one or more grants to institutions to fund start-up costs to implement competency-based education within recipient institution, and encourage marketing and promotion of programs to out-of-state individuals. Amends post-secondary reporting requirement from HECC to include competency-based education programs implementation and analysis. Appropriates \$200,000 out of General Fund beginning July 1, 2019. Repeals pilot program on January 2, 2022. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interest in modeling other state programs
- Interest in using competency-based education (CBE) program to provide other education avenues
- Work being done through partial competency-based education program in Southern Oregon University

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Competency-based education is an approach to education that focuses on learning concrete skills. Competency-based learning allows the student to be tested on each learning outcome and a student cannot move past one outcome without mastering the prior one.

House Bill 2809 establishes a competency-based pilot program to assist in expanding competency-based education in post-secondary institutions through grants. It allocates \$200,000 out of the General Fund for this purpose.