

HB 3212 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/03/19

Action: Do pass with amendments to the bill, and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng).

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Hernandez, Neron, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman

Exc: 1 - 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 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 recruitment into program, and develop benchmarks to measure success of consortium. Appropriates \$500,000 from General Fund to expand consortium and sunsets January 2, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Work of consortium and discussions between universities in Southern Oregon
- Interest in leveraging consortium to make credit transfer more possible
- Pursuing resources provided by consortium for all universities and colleges to assess collective impact

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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. The consortium works together to leverage opportunities between the Southern colleges and universities in order to ease credit transfers and make higher education more affordable for students.

House Bill 3212-A directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish a pilot program to expand the consortium developed by Klamath County, Jackson County, and Josephine County. The consortium is established between Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Community College, Southern Oregon University, and Rogue Community College.