

HB 2520 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/08/19

Action: Do pass. Refer to Ways and Means.

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: 3/20, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) conduct study to determine whether the state recognizes more than one high school equivalency test. Specifies study include comparison of General Educational Development (GED) test, High School Equivalency test, and Test Assessing Secondary Completion. Requires HECC report recommendation to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020. Repeals act on December 31, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Seven states using High School Equivalency Test
- History of General Educational Development test and ability to measure high school equivalency

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission's Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development administers the High School Equivalency Program in Oregon, which oversees the General Educational Development test.

House Bill 2520 requires the HECC conduct a study to determine whether the state recognize more than one high school equivalency test.