

**SB 455 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Beyer

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 05/22/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Baertschiger Jr, Burdick, Dembrow, Roblan

**Nays:** 1 - Boquist

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/13, 5/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires universities and community colleges to award specified contracts to contractor who is registered with certain apprenticeship-related entities. Requires contractor to award specified subcontracts to subcontractor who is registered with certain apprenticeship-related entities. Exempts universities and community colleges from requirements when would cause unreasonable expense or delay or result in less than three bidders. Applies to Portland State University, Oregon State University, University of Oregon and Oregon Health and Science University, beginning January 1, 2020. Applies to other institutions of higher education beginning January 1, 2021.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Mission of higher education
- Diversity in the trades
- Need to continue developing the labor force
- Smaller and rural contractors

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current law requires University of Oregon to employ apprentices for 15 percent of work hours and to enact plans to employ female and minority contractors under specific, qualified contracts. Senate Bill 455 A expands qualified contracting requirements to all Oregon public universities and community colleges.