

**SB 1539 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Education**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Designates Oregon Institute of Technology as Oregon's Polytechnic University.

**REVENUE:** May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) recently worked with its stakeholders and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to refine its mission. The mission reaffirms the university's focus on professional degree programs and applied research linked with Oregon industry. According to OIT, the designation as Oregon's Polytechnic University may increase awareness of the unique role that polytechnic universities serve for the state, for industry, and for students and their families.