

SB 1539 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

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, industry, and its students.

Senate Bill 1539 designates the Oregon Institute of Technology as Oregon's Polytechnic University.