

HB 2091 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Wright

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/25/21

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

Vote: 9-0-1-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Hudson, Neron, Owens, Reardon, Smith DB, Sollman, Weber, Wright

Exc: 1 - Ruiz

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Approves Proposed and Final Order of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) that modifies the boundaries of Lane Community College Service District. Specifies date of Proposed and Final Order of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission as November 12, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Unincorporated area to be added to Lane Community College Service District
- Current inability of residents of affected territory to participate in Lane Community College board elections
- Predates HECC management of the community college district boundary change process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Specifies date of Proposed and Final Order of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission as November 12, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) is responsible for conducting the process of changing community college district boundaries and recommending changes to the legislature. In January 2019, HECC received a request to add a portion of unincorporated rural territory to the boundaries of Lane Community College Service District. HECC held public hearings in the affected area and received approval from the Board of Lane Community College. A vote by the commissioners approving the boundary change occurred on November 12, 2020. HECC's decision to change the district boundary is not finalized unless approved by the Legislative Assembly.

HECC reports that residents of the area being added to the Lane Community College Service District boundaries will be able to vote in elections for the Board of Lane Community College, and that the change is not made solely to benefit the property taxes of the residents of the affected area; nor will it have a substantial adverse effect on the ability of the community college district to levy property taxes.

House Bill 2091 A approves the Proposed and Final Order of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission that modifies the boundaries of Lane Community College Service District.