

HB 3089 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education

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Meeting Dates: 2/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows public institutions of higher education except for Oregon Health and Science University to apply for Hunger Free Campus designation. Requires Higher Education Coordination Commission (HECC) to establish application process in rule. Establishes requirements for receiving Hunger Free Campus designation, including establishing hunger task force; designating staff member responsible for assisting students with enrollment in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); providing SNAP benefit-eligible food options on campus or information about off-campus options; hosting campus awareness event; providing on-campus or access to off-campus food pantry; developing meal credit donation program or free meal vouchers; and conducting biennial student survey on hunger. Establishes grant program to fund student hunger programs administered by HECC and appropriates \$5 million. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

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:

Some qualifying activities established in House Bill 3089 already take place at some colleges and universities in Oregon. For example, HB 2835 (2021) established state-funded benefits navigator positions at all universities and colleges, which would likely fulfill the requirement of designating a staff member to assist students with enrollment in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Likewise, a number of campuses have either an on-campus food pantry or a relationship with an off-campus food pantry, and/or provide information on SNAP benefit-eligible food options; these programs are often managed by the benefits navigator employed by the campus under HB 2835. In contrast, HECC has not developed a biennial student survey on hunger and this development phase would need to be completed before colleges and universities could meet that requirement.

HB 3089 establishes the Hunger Free Campus designation, allows public colleges and universities to apply to HECC for the designation in accordance with statutory requirements, and establishes grant funding for universities and colleges to create student hunger programs. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.