

HB 2262 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to study funding for public pre-kindergarten through post-secondary education in Oregon and to submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.

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:

-1 Replaces the measure. Appropriates unspecified amount of General Fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to community colleges and public universities for purposes of hiring benefits navigators. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The Joint Task Force on Student Success for Underrepresented Students in Higher Education (JTUSHE) was a bicameral legislative task force established by House Bill 2590 (2021). The measure charged the task force with visiting public post-secondary institutions of education in order to meet with current, former, and prospective students from underrepresented backgrounds, and with developing policy and funding proposals that focus on increasing the likelihood of student success for underrepresented students in the areas of access, retention, graduation, and entry into the workforce. The task force approved its [Report on Findings and Recommendations for 2023 Legislative Session](#) on December 13, 2022. House Bill 2262 was among the legislation that the task force pre-session filed in accordance with the authority granted by House Bill 2590 (2021).

House Bill 2262 directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to study methods for funding pre-kindergarten through post-secondary education in the state and to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.