

HB 2263 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/23, 3/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to study how to coordinate post-secondary education in Oregon. Requires HECC to submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of amendment
- Limited on-campus housing for students
- Rent increases in housing near campus
- Competing costs of housing, food, childcare, and tuition

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Establishes Task Force on Student Housing. Establishes task force membership. Requires task force to examine student housing availability and funding at post-secondary institutions and provide recommendations on how post-secondary institutions can be open, welcoming, and safe places for houseless students. Requires task force to submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to provide staff support. Establishes Task Force on Student Access to Child Care. Establishes task force membership. Requires task force to review state-provided child care grants and campus-based child care centers to determine how to meet needs of greatest number of students. Requires task force to provide recommendations on potential legislation. Requires task force to submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to provide staff support.

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 2263 requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to study the coordination of post-secondary education in Oregon and report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.