

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **HB 2802**

#### **Relating to post-secondary students working at nonprofits**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Education Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Dembrow

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HB 2802 establishes a five-year pilot program at Portland State University, or PSU, and Eastern Oregon University to incentivize the hiring of public university students by nonprofit organizations. The measure requires PSU and Eastern to each designate program administrators to register students who wish to participate in the pilot program and match these students with eligible nonprofits. The measure requires participating nonprofit organizations to pay each employed student wages not less than the Oregon minimum wage. PSU and Eastern are required to provide participating students a 20% tuition discount for each academic term that the student is employed by a nonprofit participating in this pilot program. The measure also allows PSU and Eastern to reimburse nonprofit organizations up to 50% of the amount the organization paid in wages to students who participate in the pilot program. By September 15th of each year, PSU and Eastern are required to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program and report the findings to an interim legislative committee.

The measure provides a total of \$294,206 General Fund for the two universities to serve approximately five students each per year through this pilot program.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2802 be amended by the -2 amendment and be reported out do pass.