HB 3236 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/29/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Cramer, Hudson, Neron, Nguyen H, Valderrama, Wright

Nays: 1 - McIntire

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued **Revenue:** No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/20, 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$2.85 million for the Willamette Career Academy. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits of program
- Instruction provided at Willamette Career Academy
- Experiences of students

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Willamette Career Academy (WCA) is operated by the Willamette Education Service District (ESD) and serves students in Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties. The WCA offers six programs: cosmetology, diesel technology, health services, construction technology, manufacturing, and information technology. Willamette ESD partners with Mountain West Investment Corporation to operate WCA, with additional participation from industry partners such as the Pape group, Freres Lumber Co., and Salem Health.

House Bill 3236 A appropriates \$2.85 million General Fund to Willamette Career Academy.