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Bill Title: Relating to a study on governing structures of public universities; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Legislative Policy and Research Office

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Legislative Policy and Research Office	\$ 463,819	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 463,819	1	0.38
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 463,819	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 463,819	1	0.38

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Legislative Policy and Research Office	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

- The Higher Education Coordinating Commission and public universities could potentially incur costs related to gathering and providing data in support of this study, but the likelihood, nature, and scope of work that the contracted vendor may ask of these entities are unknown at this time.

Measure Description

This measure requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) to conduct a procurement and enter into a contract with a qualified vendor with subject matter expertise in higher education; a capability to obtain data and information that is national in scope for comparative analysis; and the experience and expertise to study the impact of the implementation of laws passed in 2011 and 2013 that modified higher education governance, including establishment of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and university governing boards.

The vendor is required to prepare a draft report of the study by November 15, 2024 and submit a final report to the interim legislative committees related to higher education by November 30, 2024. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission and public universities are required to provide any assistance necessary for the vendor to complete the study and report.

Fiscal Analysis

The total estimated fiscal impact of this measure is \$463,819 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium.

Legislative Policy and Research Office

LPRO’s estimated costs include:

- \$350,000 to contract for the analysis and report required under this measure. This amount is based on other similar studies in the education subject area; however actual costs could vary once the procurement is completed.
- \$113,819 for a full-time, limited duration Research Analyst position (0.38 FTE) and position-related services and supplies. This position would work with the vendor to gather data from HECC, the Oregon Longitudinal Data Collaborative, and public universities.

This estimate reflects the level of expertise and workload associated with the type of information required to be analyzed and reported.

LPRO notes that completion of the report may be difficult under the required timelines, as it generally takes two to three months to execute a contract with a vendor. Given the scope of the study and depending on how quickly the procurement process can be completed, submission of a report that encompasses the requirements outlined in the measure may not be possible by November 2024.

Other entities

There is an additional indeterminate but likely minimal cost for HECC and universities. The measure directs HECC and universities to provide any assistance necessary for the vendor to complete the study and report. Depending on the scope of the study, HECC and the universities could have additional costs to gather and provide data; without further information on what types of data will be required by the vendor, the costs are unknown at this time.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

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