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To: Education Subcommittee
From: Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: February 24, 2026
Subject: HB 4124 – Relating to the state post-secondary education system
Work Session Recommendations

HB 4124 directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to conduct a comprehensive study of Oregon’s post-secondary education system and develop recommendations for creating a more coordinated, financially sustainable, and economically aligned institutional framework. The study must include community colleges, regional universities, and research universities, evaluating institutional missions, access across geographic regions, financial viability, and opportunities for collaboration, restructuring, or integration. The study may also examine program duplication, workforce alignment, funding strategies, and affordability metrics. The measure permits HECC to engage third-party contractors to conduct the study. HECC must consult with stakeholders and submit a report with findings and potential legislative changes to the Legislature by December 1, 2026. The bill declares an emergency and takes effect upon passage.

Amendment

The -A5 amendment changes the due date for the final report from December 1, 2026 to April 1, 2027 and adds a requirement for a preliminary report due October 1, 2026. The amendment does not change the original fiscal impact determination, which is indeterminate, but anticipated to be absorbable within the agency’s existing resources.

LFO recommends adoption of the –A5 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A5 amendment to HB 4124. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4124, as amended by the –A5 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 4124, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____