PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: SB 418 CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Education

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued	
Action:	
Vote:	
Yeas:	
Nays:	
Exc.:	
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Meeting Dates:	4/9, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt specified standards related to student education records. Provides that parents have right to excuse student from statewide standardized summative assessment and that school districts must provide notice of that right to parents. Provides that students must receive certain information related to statewide standardized summative assessments. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-6 amendments (proposed) replace original measure. Require each school district provide accelerated college credit program at each high school in school district. Specify what accelerated college credit program must and may include. Allow college credit to be transferable under specified conditions. Allow courses to be provided exclusively online if specified supports are provided. Allow school district or high school to pursue agreement with public university or community college anywhere in Oregon if unable to reach agreement with closest public university or community college that serves high school within 60 days of beginning negotiations. Specify permissible charges to student participating in accelerated college credit program. Require school district that provides accelerated college credit program to collaborate with post-secondary institution of education to ensure courses meet institution's standards for transferable credits, and that students receive technical assistance, instructional and other non-monetary support. Require Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) provide statewide standards for accelerated college credit programs that do not have nationally-established standards or state-established accelerated credit standards. Require high school teachers of accelerated college credit courses to be approved by post-secondary institution of education based on specified standards or by process established by HECC. Require school districts and post-secondary institutions of education that provide accelerated college credit programs to submit biennial report to HECC on academic performance of students in program. Require Oregon Education Investment Board to identify model programs and best practices to encourage students to participate in accelerated college credit programs and enroll in postsecondary education. Require Department of Education (ODE) administer grant program to support accelerated college credit programs. Appropriate unspecified amount to ODE for grant program. Establish Supplemental Accelerated College Credit Account and Accelerated College Account in State Treasury. Specify system for monetary distributions for accelerated college credit programs. Declare emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

BACKGROUND: As introduced, Senate Bill 418 directs SBE to adopt specified standards related to student education records. The bill additionally provides that parents have the right to excuse their student from statewide standardized summative assessment, and requires school districts to provide notice of that right to parents. Senate Bill 418 further provides that students must receive certain information related to statewide standardized summative assessments.