

HB 2987 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires each public institution of higher education to allow students to bypass development educational requirements and placement tests for each subject area for incoming students who receive grade on the General Educational Development (GED) exam, or grade on placement tests in subject area, indicating the students are qualified to bypass requirements and tests. Allows public institutions to notify Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) if it requires higher score than 165 on GED exam. Requires HECC convene committee to determine whether institution may require score higher than 165, and institution provide justification to committee when score of 165 on GED exam insufficient. Requires committees determining score of 165 or higher submit report to Legislative Assembly. Applies to 2020-2021 academic year.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission's Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development administers the High School Equivalency Program in Oregon. The agency oversees the General Educational Development test preparation, instruction, and testing process in Oregon. There are over 70 test sites across the State.