

HB 2910 -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that six-month period to enroll in courses to participate in program for person incarcerated or detained begins after person's period of incarceration or detention has ended while completing prior educational requirements for Oregon Promise program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-4 Allows person who completes highest level of education such as grade 12 or the General Educational Development (GED) certificate while confined in a correctional facility as a youth or youth offender serving a sentence, to no longer be required to complete highest level of education within six months of enrolling in qualifying Oregon Promise courses. Allows youth or youth offender in correctional facility to enroll in courses up to six months after release from correctional facility. Allows Higher Education Coordinating Commission to create rules to prescribe eligibility requirement waivers described above. Defines correctional facility as youth correction facility, detention facility, department of corrections institutions, local correctional facility, or state hospital for youth offenders. Apply to Oregon Promise Grant applications beginning January 1, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Promise is administered by the Office of Student Access and Completion under the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. It is a state-grant that covers the cost of tuition at Oregon community colleges for recent high school graduates or General Educational Development graduates. Grants became available to Oregon students in the 2016 academic year.