HB 2030 A -A3   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) with implied and direct authority to implement the powers, duties, and functions expressly granted to the commission by the Legislative Assembly. Stipulates that HECC may not exercise any authority that is statutorily provided to a governing board of a public university or a community college. Updates statutory references to Office of Student Access and Completion to reflect current agency structure. Permits an Oregon Promise recipient to receive the minimum grant of $1,000 if HECC determines actual tuition costs are less than $1,000. Permits an Oregon Promise recipient who has tuition costs that exceeds the average tuition cost at a community college to receive a grant amount that equals the average tuition cost. Exempts counselors, therapists, and psychologists who are employees of public universities from licensing requirements if activities and services are within scope of employment, as specified. Changes rulemaking authority for the dislocated worker program from the Director of the Employment Department to HECC. Authorizes HECC to make budgetary requests for the workforce development system. Defines "Armed Forces of the United States" for purposes of roadside memorial signs and other statutory references. Removes outdated references to Oregon Student Assistance Commission and Office of Student Access and Completion director. Removes requirement that the Department of Administrative Services make direct payments to community college districts. Requires HECC to conduct a state or national criminal records check on an applicant for a private career school license. Clarifies fingerprinting requirements for HECC staff. Modifies annual reporting requirements for public institutions of higher education. Clarifies that public universities are eligible for public building seismic rehabilitation grants. Repeals alternative student loan program. Sunsets Oregon Troops to Teachers program and Oregon Roadmap to Language Excellence Scholarships on June 30, 2021. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Provisions of the bill
- Need to clarify HECC's statutory authority
- Nature and number of the revisions
- Need to clarify Oregon promise grant criteria
- HECC's authority fingerprinting and background check

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A3 This is a conflict amendment. It aligns the bill with amendments to ORS 97.130 in House Bill 2043 (2019).

BACKGROUND:

In 2011, the legislature created HECC to coordinate higher education at the state level. (Senate Bill 242) HECC's power, duties and functions include developing state goals for the post-secondary education system, determining strategic investments, coordinating data collection and structure, adopting a strategic plan, increasing the educational attainment of Oregon's population, making budgetary requests, adopting rules of the distribution of state funding, approving academic programs, authorizing degrees offered by independent institutions, overseeing

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the licensing of career schools, authorizing interstate agreements, implementing student complaint process, improving student access, enhancing dual credit opportunities, assisting with Oregon's workforce needs, improving economies of scale in higher education, administering the Oregon Promise grant, and adopting administrative rules. The HECC agency includes the Office of Student Access and Completion, Office of Workforce Investments, and Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. House Bill 2030 A clarifies HECC's statutory authority and responsibilities; clarifies grant criteria for the Oregon Promise Grant; exempts counselors, therapists, and psychologists employed at public universities from licensing requirements in specified circumstances; updates terms; repeals inactive loan and scholarship programs; and makes other technical changes.