

SB 717 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/08/19

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Tax Expenditures by prior reference.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Gelser, Heard, Thomsen, Wagner

Exc: 1 - Hass

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes refundable credit against personal income taxes for contributions to higher education savings network account. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2026. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Moving measure to Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law permits taxpayers to subtract from taxable income an amount equal to contributions made to an Oregon 529 College Savings Network account for higher education or an Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) account. Senate Bill 717 establishes a tax credit for contributions to qualified higher education savings network accounts. To qualify for the tax credit, taxpayers must have an adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or less on a joint return or \$50,000 or less on any other type of return.