

SB 1521 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows the use of Oregon Opportunity Grant funds to pay for scholarships for children of public safety officers, and allows Oregon’s regional universities to offer professional doctorate degrees. The measure adds foundational curricula and unified statewide transfer agreements into the Transfer Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, makes specified changes to the Transfer Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, shifts reporting responsibilities from each public higher education institution to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and changes reporting requirements, requires HECC to establish an advisory committee relating to the Transfer Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, requires HECC to submit a report relating to an electronic system for disseminating information on foundational curricula and unified statewide transfer agreements, and requires HECC to convene a group of stakeholders to assist with aligning credits earned through dual credit programs with requirements of foundational curricula. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Dual credit programs
- Foundational curricula
- Transfer agreements

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The measure incorporates the provisions of Senate Bill 730-A (2019) and Senate Bill 800-A (2019), with provisions added relating to scholarships for children of public safety officers.