HB 4056 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Approves the Proposed and Final Order of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to the boundaries of the Central Oregon Community College Service District and Klamath Community College Service District dated December 12, 2019. Clarifies that the transferred area remains liable for its share of debt that exists at the time of transfer. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Contents of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Removes the requirement that funds be made in proportion to the number of persons in each district according to the latest federal census. Clarifies distribution of state aid and commission rules.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 341.565 indicates that the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) is the boundary board for recommending to the legislature any changes to the boundaries of community college districts. The Commission voted on December 12, 2019 to issue a Proposed and Final Order to transition a portion of Lake County from Central Oregon Community College Service District to Klamath Community College Service District. HECC staff held public hearings in the affected territories to engage the community throughout the process, and the Commission cited receiving broad support for shifting the territory from one district to another. The Commission's order is not final unless approved by the Legislative Assembly.