

**HB 4056 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Education**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Approves the *Proposed and Final Order* adopted by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission dated December 12, 2019, changing the boundaries of two community college service districts: the Central Oregon Community College Service District and the Klamath Community College Service District. Clarifies that the transferred area remains liable for its share of debt that exists at the time of transfer. Removes the requirement that funding allocation 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. Declares emergency, effective on passage

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

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

House Bill 4056-A would approve the Proposed and Final Order of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission making changes to the boundaries of the Central Oregon Community College Service District and the Klamath Community College Service District.