

HB 2089 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelser

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/26/21

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Gorsek, Robinson, Thomsen

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/19, 4/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background of proposed boundary change
- Importance of local residents' desires for boundary change
- Effect of proposed boundary change on property taxes
- Lessons learned during boundary change process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) is responsible for recommending to the legislature any changes to the boundaries of community college service districts. On December 12, 2019, the Commission voted to issue a Proposed and Final Order to transfer a portion of Lake County from the Central Oregon Community College Service District to the Klamath Community College Service District. The Commission held public hearings in the affected territories to engage with the community throughout the process, and the Commission reports that it received broad support for shifting the territory from one district to the other. The Commission's order is not final unless approved by the Legislative Assembly.

House Bill 2089 approves 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.