

HB 2824 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to conduct study to determine appropriate rate of return for State of Oregon from patents obtained through use of public funding at public university or community college. Requires HECC to submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Since the dissolution of the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) and the Oregon University System in 2015, intellectual property policies have been set at the institutional level in Oregon. [Oregon State University](#) (OSU), [Portland State University](#) (PSU), the [University of Oregon](#) (UO), and the [Oregon Institute of Technology](#) (OIT) all continue to use patent policies originally adopted in administrative rule or in policy by SBHE.

Analysis by the [National Sciences Board](#) found that as of 2019, Oregon had among the lowest rates of academic-owned patents relative to the size of its academic workforce. The state ranked in the bottom 25 percent of states, with only 6.73 academic patents per 1,000 science, engineering, and health doctorate holders in academia.

House Bill 2824 requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to conduct a study to determine the appropriate rate of return that the state should receive from patents obtained through public funding at public universities and community colleges, and to submit a report by September 15, 2024.