

HB 3563 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/16, 3/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Youth Works Advisory Board in Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to provide advice and oversight for Oregon Youth Corps, Oregon Conservation Corps Program, and Oregon Youth Employment Program. Permits Governor to determine membership and requires Governor to appoint members. Prohibits members from receiving compensation other than reimbursement for expenses incurred in performance of official duties. Requires HECC to provide staff support to advisory board. Transfers roles and responsibilities of Oregon Youth Corps Advisory Board and Oregon Conservation Corps Advisory Committee to Oregon Youth Works Advisory Board. Operative January 1, 2024. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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:

The Oregon Youth Corps Advisory Board is the state-appointed advisory committee overseeing the Oregon Youth Corps, which was established in 1987 as the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps and last updated by House Bill 2871 (2019). The Oregon Youth Corps is a grant program for natural resource projects that provide stewardship and workforce development opportunities for youth.

The Oregon Conservation Corps Advisory Committee and Oregon Conservation Corps (OCC) Program were established by SB 762 (2021), an omnibus bill related to wildfire protection and mitigation. OCC provides grant funding in accordance with [OAR 715-101](#) to aid in reducing wildfire risk and to provide workforce training. The Legislative Assembly appropriated a maximum of \$1 million to match private donations to the program.

House Bill 3563 establishes the Oregon Youth Works Advisory Board to replace the Oregon Youth Corps Advisory Board and Oregon Conservation Corps Advisory Committee.