

HB 3120 -2, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/21, 3/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to study how to connect public higher education to workforce and economic development needs of state. Requires HECC to submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of amendment
- Continuation of House Bill 5006 (2021) one-time funding

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure. Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish grant program for purpose of supporting organizations that expand scope and community reach of college access and success programs. Limits eligibility programs to section 501(c) nonprofits and community-based organizations with demonstrated history of providing successful college access and success programs. Permits HECC to adopt rules necessary for administration of program. Appropriates \$5,000,000 General Fund for purpose of administering grant program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

-3 Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish pilot program at Portland State University and Eastern Oregon University to match students with small businesses for part-time employment in fields relevant to students' course of study. Requires students employed by small business under pilot program to receive 20 percent reduction in cost of tuition and to be paid at least minimum wage. Permits participating universities to offset cost of tuition reduction and to subsidize up to 50 percent of wages paid to students employed under program. Defines small business as business located in Oregon with 100 or fewer employees.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3120 requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to study how to connect public higher education to workforce and economic development needs of Oregon and to submit report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.