

SB 940 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 4/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to study how to improve processes for transferring credit earned outside the United States to high schools in Oregon. Directs ODE to report to interim legislative committees by September 15, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2025.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

SENATE VOTE: Passed. Ayes, 21; Nays, 8; Excused, 1.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Needs of immigrant and refugee students
- Ability of foreign exchange students to receive credit for coursework completed in the United States

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, each school district maintains its own system for recording students' course completion data. When students transfer from one school or district to another, they may face challenges if the school or district they move to does not accept the course information from their prior school or district. This process is more complex for students who arrive in Oregon from other countries, who may or may not have written transcripts, and whose transcripts may potentially be written in languages other than English.

Senate Bill 940 requires the Oregon Department of Education to study the issue of foreign school records and issue a report.