

SB 784 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 3/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to develop statewide standards for dual credit programs in agriculture, forestry, and natural resource programs.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A dual credit program allows a qualified high school teacher to act as proxy faculty member of the university, allowing students to receive credits for the high school course. According to HECC, in the 2023-2024 school year, 29,661 high school students enrolled in [community college](#) and 13,168 high school students enrolled in [public universities](#). In the same year, 7,419 students enrolled in agriculture and natural resource degrees at public universities.