

## **SB 396 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Education**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/19

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure requires Oregon's public universities to establish a common application for use at any public university for undergraduate admission. The measure becomes operative in the 2027-2028 academic year.

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:**

Under Oregon law, there are seven public universities: University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, and Eastern Oregon University. Currently five of the seven Oregon public universities use the [Common Application](#) for first year undergraduate admissions with Southern Oregon University and Western Oregon University not using the Common Application.

According to the [Oregon Department of Education](#), there are 44,151 high school freshman in the 2024-2025 school year who would be the first class able to use the common application established in this measure.