

## HB 2421 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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

The measure adds independent institutions to the direct admissions program established by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC).

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

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

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Stage of development of Oregon direct admissions program

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-3 The amendment specifies that the direct admissions program may include private non-profit universities and colleges, rather than all independent institutions, and specifies that those institutions must agree to participate.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Several states have enacted direct admissions policies to lower barriers for students to enter higher education. Direct admissions programs inform high school-age students when their qualifications, such as grade point average and standardized test scores, meet the criteria for admission to institutions of higher education. Students qualifying for admission under a direct admissions program typically have access to an abbreviated application process at participating institutions.

Section 11 of [Senate Bill 1552 \(2022\)](#) required the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to establish a direct admissions program for community colleges and public universities in Oregon.