HB 3053 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$40,000 for distribution to the University of Oregon (UO) for a pilot program to train speech-language pathology students to serve children in an overnight summer camp.

Fiscal impact: Fiscal impact issued.

Revenue impact: Revenue impact issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits of intensive family therapy and training
- Unique structure of proposed camp
- Impact on children with who use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC)

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Augmentative and Alternative Communication Clinic (AAC) at the University of Oregon's

Speech-Language-Hearing Center currently operates a Ducks in AACtion Camp for youth who use augmentative and alternative communication, along with their families and caregivers. The camp has been operating since at least <u>2016</u>.