

## **SB 784 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Education**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/10, 4/9

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#### **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:**

- Ability to develop dual credit programs
- Current dual credit standards

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

-1 The amendment requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to develop standards to ensure the quality and alignment of approved Career and Technical Student Organization programs.

#### **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.