

HB 2421 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows private non-profit universities to participate in the direct admissions program established by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 \(2024\)](#) required the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to establish a direct admissions program for community colleges and public universities in Oregon.