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Bill Title: Relating to degree authorization by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure removes the statutory amounts on fees charged by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for determining whether a school may confer or offer to confer a degree or provide academic credit applicable to a degree. The measure authorizes HECC to impose fees by rule to recover designated costs of reviewing a school’s application for HECC approval, including any action HECC deems necessary to determine whether a school should be authorized to confer or offer a degree or provide academic credit to a degree. These fees may account for differences in the anticipated complexity or time required to review an application.

Fiscal Analysis

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact, as HECC will only need to conduct rulemaking to impose these new fees. However, once these new fees are established, they will likely provide additional Other Funds revenue to HECC, which may have budgetary implications in future biennia.

If this measure is enacted, any fee changes made by administrative rule will need to be reported to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and they will require both approval from DAS and the Legislature to remain in effect, pursuant to ORS 291.055(1).

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.