

HB 3027 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. McDonald

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

Action Date: 02/20/25

Action: Do pass and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Fragala, Harbick, Hudson, McDonald, Munoz, Wright, Yunker

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to seek an injunction against a career school that violates the agency's standards and licensing requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Agency consumer protection role
- Methods for enforcing compliance
- Circumstances in and frequency with which agency would pursue an injunction

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under [ORS 345.010 to 345.340](#), the [Higher Education Coordinating Commission \(HECC\)](#) is charged with licensing career schools and setting minimum standards regarding the quality and content of programs, the adequacy of facilities, and the qualifications of administrators and instructors. Requirements and procedures for the annual renewal of private career school licenses are codified in [Chapter 715, Division 45](#) of Oregon administrative rule.

Currently, HECC has the authority to suspend a career school's license or seek a financial penalty against a career school that violates licensing standards, but lacks the authority to seek court action that would prevent unlicensed or noncompliant career schools from operating.