

HB 2421 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Hudson

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

Action Date: 03/25/25

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

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: 3/11, 3/25

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:

- Stage of development of Oregon's direct admissions program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment specifies that the direct admissions program may include private non-profit universities and colleges, rather than all independent institutions, and specifies that those institutions must agree to participate.

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.