

**HB 3053 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development**

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**Action Date:** 03/27/25

**Action:** Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 6-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 6 - Fragala, Harbick, Hudson, McDonald, Munoz, Yunker

**Exc:** 1 - Wright

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/11, 3/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure appropriates \$40,000 for distribution to the University of Oregon (UO) for a pilot program to train speech-language pathology students to use a family-center approach at an overnight summer camp for children with augmentative and alternative communication (ACC) needs.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Benefits of intensive family therapy and training
- Unique structure of proposed camp
- Impact on children with who use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC)

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The [Augmentative and Alternative Communication Clinic \(AAC\)](#) at the University of Oregon's Speech-Language-Hearing Center currently operates a day camp called Ducks in AACtion Camp for youth who use augmentative and alternative communication, along with their families and caregivers. The camp has been operating since at least [2016](#).