

HB 2421 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Frederick

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/23/25

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Robinson, Sollman, Weber

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/14, 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Advantages of direct admissions
- Advantages of additional options and pathways for students
- HECC staff capacity and potential for fees for participation by private institutions

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.