

HB 2932 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Golden

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 05/19/25

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Bonham, Golden, Jama, Manning Jr, Thatcher

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/14, 5/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows a public official to accept compensation from any post-secondary institution for teaching at least one course.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The intent of the measure
- Provisions of the measure
- The difference between a post-secondary institution contacting a public official and a public official contacting a post-secondary institution about teaching a course.
- The Oregon Government Ethics Commission's jurisdiction

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's government ethics laws dictate how public officials and lobbyists are expected to behave and they act as a guide for public officials when taking certain actions and making certain decisions. Oregon's government ethics laws were established in 1974, as approved by the voters with Ballot Measure 14, and codified in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 244. In general, ORS Chapter 244 and related statutes prohibit the use of public office for financial gain or to avoid financial harm, require disclosure of economic interests and conflicts of interest, and provide sanctions and procedures for enforcement of violations, which are overseen by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

The term "eligible post-secondary institution" in ORS 348.180 means

- Oregon's seven public universities,
- a community college operated under ORS Chapter 341,
- Oregon Health and Science University, and
- an Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher education.