

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Education

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/14, 4/21

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to select University of Oregon (UO) or Oregon State University (OSU) to design and develop student career advising and mentorship pilot program. Appropriates unspecified amount from General Fund to HECC to design and develop program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of support when moving from college to career
- Factors that support career success
- Role of mentors in career-related decision-making and success
- Examples of mentorship programs at other universities and colleges

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

-1 amendments (proposed) remove provision that HECC select UO or OSU to design and develop student career advising and mentorship pilot program. Require instead that HECC solicit applications from public universities to participate in pilot program. Specify criteria for selection. Require selection of two universities by January 1, 2016. Require HECC and selected universities to present final program framework and implementation plan during 2016 regular session of Legislative Assembly. Require progress report on results of pilot program during 2017 regular session of the Legislative Assembly.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 860 directs HECC to select UO or OSU to hire additional staff comprising one full-time equivalent to design and develop a pilot program that coordinates opportunities for student career advising and mentorship and establishes a method for students who participate in the pilot program to engage in these opportunities for career advising and mentorship. The bill requires the selected university to present an initial progress report to the committees relating to higher education during the 2016 regular session of the Legislative Assembly, and a final project framework during the 2017 regular session. Senate Bill 860 additionally appropriates an unspecified amount to HECC out of the General Fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, to undertake the program's design and development.

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