

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 860 - A

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to select University of Oregon or Oregon State University to design and develop career advising and mentorship pilot program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$285,000	\$285,000
Total Funds	\$285,000	\$285,000

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The bill directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to select, by January 1, 2016, one public university with less than 10,000 enrolled undergraduate students as well as one public university with 10,000 or more enrolled undergraduate students, to participate in a pilot program. Each university selected by HECC will receive funding to hire additional staff comprising one full-time equivalent job to design and develop a pilot program to coordinate opportunities for student career advising and mentorship available through the university's' academic advising center, career services center, and alumni network or alumni foundations. HECC must present a final program framework and implementation plan for the pilot programs to the committees relating to higher education during the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislative Assembly as well as present a progress report on the results of the pilot programs to the committees relating to higher education during the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislative Assembly.

Funding for the Student Career Advising and Mentorship Coordinator position at the large university is estimated to cost \$150,000 General Fund (GF) per biennium and \$135,000 GF per biennium at the small university. The fiscal estimate includes \$15,000 Services and Supplies costs for each position for travel related expenses, as these positions will be traveling both in-state and internationally to work alumni organizations, foundations, and industry to fully coordinate mentorship and internship opportunities for student participants. The fiscal impact to the HECC is anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing parameters of the agency budget. Existing staff will be able to select institutions and co-present on program framework, implementation plans and the progress of the pilot programs to the Legislative Assembly.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the pilot program contained in the bill does not have a sunset nor repeal date; therefor funding for the university positions has been assumed to continue in the 2017-19 biennium and beyond.