



**Docket Item:**

HB 2998 (Transfer Workgroup) Interim Legislative Report

**Summary:**

House Bill 2998 (2017) directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and community colleges and universities listed in ORS 352.002 to improve transfer pathways between Oregon's public community colleges and universities. Included in the legislation is a requirement that the HECC submits a report to the Legislative Assembly, no later than February 1, 2018, that:

- In consultation with community colleges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002, defines "lost academic credit" for purposes of the report;
- States the typical number of lost academic credits by current students who transfer from a community college to a public university listed in ORS 352.002;
- Recommends whether more than one foundational curriculum should be established;
- Recommends whether foundational curricula established under the legislation should be transferable for students who transfer from one community college to a different community college or from one public university to a different public university; and
- Lists the initial major courses of study for which unified statewide transfer agreements (USTA) will be established under the legislation.

The attached report supplies the information requested, with two important caveats. First, the recommendation on whether foundational curricula should be transferrable between community college to community college and university to university is a staff recommendation that is subject to change based on feedback from constituents and Commissioners. A survey has been sent to Workgroup members for circulation their colleagues for feedback with a deadline of January 10, 2018. Updated input will be provided in person on January 11, 2018. Second, Workgroup members have not yet

reviewed the report and a meeting will take place on January 19, 2018 to discuss this report, HECC recommendations and next steps.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommend that Commissioners make a decision regarding the transferability of the Foundational Curricula from community college to community college and university to university. In addition, staff recommend the Commission authorize staff to make non-substantive changes to the report and submit to the Legislature before the Feb 1. Significant changes, while not expected, may merit additional consideration and approval by the Commission.