

Docket Item:

DRAFT Interim Report on HB 2973

Summary:

HECC staff have completed preliminary research on trends in college affordability, tuition increases, and policy responses in Oregon and several other states. The report before the Committee is meant to summarize our knowledge to date, the state of the conversation surrounding affordable degrees here and elsewhere, and most importantly to set the stage for the workgroup discussion and final report to the legislature during the 2016 session that will include recommendations to the Commission and the Legislative Assembly.

Docket Material:

The report is divided into several sections:

- Presentation of trends and data on tuition increases
- Examples of more affordable degree program models, their features, strengths and weaknesses
- Some specific policy responses from Wisconsin, Texas, and Florida
- Information on accelerated learning programs in Oregon
- Conclusions meant to inform and frame the conversation going forward

Recommendation by Staff

Staff recommend the DRAFT report be accepted, pending any necessary changes or amendments by the Committee.