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### **Oregon Senate Improves Education Outcomes by Streamlining Higher Education Course Numbering**

SALEM – Yesterday, with bipartisan support, the Senate approved Senate Bill 233, a bill to create a system of common course numbering for introductory and lower level courses at public institutions of higher education.

“Simply put, students should receive credit for the work they’ve done toward their higher education,” said Senator Michael Dembrow (D-Portland) who carried Senate Bill 233. “That process is made easier when courses are numbered comparably across institutions.”

“Sometimes students take a break from school to earn money, due to a family emergency, because they are starting a family or because they moved to a different part of the state,” added Senator Dembrow. “None of these situations nullify the knowledge they’ve gained, the credits they’ve earned or the dollars they have spent.”

“When students know they can build on the work they have already completed, they are more likely to finish their degree or certificate should they need to transfer,” said Senator Dembrow. “Our state should be doing all we can to allow students the ability to continue their courses and complete a higher education program.”

Senate Bill 233 will establish a Transfer Council to develop recommendations for a common course numbering system among the Oregon’s public universities and community colleges. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission will establish the common course numbering system based on recommendations of the Transfer Council. Public institutions of higher education in Oregon will be required to adopt this system by the 2025-2026 academic year.

Senate Bill 233 now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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