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### **Accelerated college credit bill headed to Governor**

Salem, OR - The House of Representatives unanimously approved Senate Bill 1574A Monday, sending to the Governor a proposal that would give high school freshman and sophomores the chance to pursue college credit.

"I believe this bill will empower young people to pursue a college education," said Senator Betsy Close (R-Albany). "Students need to know that college is not only attainable, but something they can use to increase their future prosperity. Senate Bill 1574A will help them realize both."

Research has shown that accelerated access to college credit is an important factor for both high school and college graduation. If signed by the Governor, Senate Bill 1574A would assist high school students who would like to earn college credit for qualifying high school courses. The bill charges the Accelerated Learning Committee with implementing this policy.

Starting in 1999, Close served for six years as a State Representative in the Oregon House of Representatives. She was Chairwoman of the House Water & Environment Committee and House Business, Labor, and Consumer Affairs; and Co-Chair of the Joint Natural Resources Committee. She served in leadership as Assistant Majority Leader from 2001 to 2005. She was appointed to the Oregon State Senate in 2012.

Betsy Close has been married to Christopher Close for 40 years. They have four grown children.

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