

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2398</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No Impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

The proposed policy committee substitute for HB 2398 allows the State Regents and the Department of Career Tech to designate certain degrees and certificates as a "credential of value" if it demonstrably provides a positive return on investment for students, is aligned with the state and regional labor market demand, or meets other documented state workforce needs.

The Regents and Career Tech must establish:

- Standard methodologies for calculating ROI and net cost of attendance;
- Criteria and data sources for assessing alignment with workforce demand;
- A unified process for reviewing credentials of value; and
- A shared reporting structure for education providers to report data

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**Fiscal Analysis**

As written, the measure is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.