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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1657, L.D. 2326, Bill, "An Act to Authorize Portland College to Grant Degrees"

Amend the bill in section 1 in the 5th and 6th lines (page 1, lines 29 and 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Master of Science and Master of Education degrees" and inserting in its place the following: 'Bachelor of Science degrees in Human Resource Development, Business Administration, Knowledge Development, Marketing Management, Global Leadership and Multimedia Technologies; Master of Science degrees in Business Administration, Technology Management and Human Resource Development; and Master of Education degrees in Instructional Design and English as a Second Language'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 and before the emergency clause the following:

**'Sec. 2. Review of Portland College operations.** In order to monitor the progress of Portland College, a start-up institution without an academic or financial record of performance representing a new type of educational institution in the State, the State Board of Education shall conduct a follow-up review of the operation of the college to assess its progress in carrying out its mission. The board's review must include reapplication of the board's standards and procedures for evaluating degree-granting requests and other criteria considered appropriate by the board. The board shall issue a preliminary status report on the progress of the review to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over educational matters by January 1, 2002 and a final report to the committee by January 1, 2003.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The State Board of Education will incur some minor additional costs to conduct a review of the operation of Portland College and to submit the required reports. These costs can be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted resources.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and amends the bill to clarify the degrees that may be granted by Portland College. The amendment also requires the State Board of Education to review the start-up operations of Portland College and to issue an interim report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 1, 2002 and a final report by January 1, 2003.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.