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CHAPTER ....

AN ACT

Relating to higher education; amending ORS 351.003 and 351.009; and repealing ORS 351.005 and 351.007.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 351.005 and 351.007 are repealed.
SECTION 2. ORS 351.003 is amended to read:
351.003. In addition to making the findings under ORS 351.001, the Legislative Assembly finds that:

(1) Oregonians need access to [*post-secondary education opportunities*] **educational opportunities beyond high school and** throughout life [*in a variety of forms*].

(2) To meet the societal and individual needs described under ORS 351.001, Oregonians have created and [*sustained, from territorial days to the present, many and*] **should sustain** diverse institutions of higher education, both independent and state-assisted.

(3) These institutions have developed the intellectual capacity of Oregonians and have prepared thousands of them for productive and fulfilling careers.

(4) These institutions **should** provide educational access to all segments of Oregon's diverse population[*, including many students for whom higher education creates the first opportunity for their entry into the mainstream of society*].

(5) These institutions provide research[*, both basic and applied,*] that generates [*new*] knowledge **value** [*and applies it to the development of new products and processes*] essential for Oregon's economic growth.

(6) These institutions [*provide public service activities that*] engage the professional expertise of their faculties to solve social problems.

(7) These institutions [*share with our communities many*] **provide important** cultural activities and services [*of immense importance to the quality of life enjoyed by Oregonians*] **that add to Oregon's quality of life**.

[*(8) These institutions are expanding the times, places and formats of course offerings.*]

[*(9) Oregonians' diverse educational needs will be best met in an environment in which public and independent schools are recognized as critical for meeting those needs.*]

SECTION 3. ORS 351.009 is amended to read:
351.009. The Legislative Assembly declares that the mission of all [*higher*] education **beyond high school** in Oregon [*is to*] **includes achievement of the following by 2025**:

[*(1) Enable students to extend prior educational experiences in order to reach their full potential as participating and contributing citizens by helping them develop scientific, professional and technological expertise, together with heightened intellectual, cultural and humane sensitivities and a sense of purpose.*]

[*(2) Create, collect, evaluate, store and pass on the body of knowledge necessary to educate future generations.*]

[*(3) Provide appropriate instructional, research and public service programs to enrich the cultural life of Oregon and to support and maintain a healthy state economy.*]

(1) Ensure that at least 40 percent of adult Oregonians have earned a bachelor's degree or higher;

(2) Ensure that at least 40 percent of adult Oregonians have earned an associate's degree or post-secondary credential as their highest level of educational attainment; and

(3) Ensure that the remaining 20 percent or less of all adult Oregonians have earned a high school diploma, an extended or modified high school diploma or the equivalent of a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment.

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