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House Bill 2666

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE; Representative EVANS (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to community college mandatory incidental fees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 341.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, “mandatory student-initiated fee” means a fee that:

- (a) Is initiated by the recognized student government of the community college;**
- (b) Students are required to pay in addition to tuition fees;**
- (c) Is collected by the board of the community college; and**
- (d) Is allocated by the recognized student government of the community college.**

(2) The board for each community college shall collect mandatory student-initiated fees upon the request of the recognized student government of the community college to the president of the community college under a process established by the recognized student government in consultation with the board. Mandatory student-initiated fees collected under this section must be allocated by the recognized student government.

(3) If the recognized student government makes a request under subsection (2) of this section for a new or increased mandatory student-initiated fee, the board may require a campus referendum in which the student body votes on whether to approve the fee. If a mandatory student-initiated fee is rejected by the student body in a referendum held under this subsection, the recognized student government may not request another mandatory student-initiated fee for the remainder of the academic year.

(4) A request for a mandatory student-initiated fee, use of the fee or decision to modify an existing fee may be refused by the president if the president determines that:

- (a) The recognized student government assessed or allocated the mandatory student-initiated fee in violation of applicable local, state or federal law;**
- (b) The allocation conflicts with a preexisting contractual financial commitment;**
- (c) The total mandatory student-initiated fees budget would increase by a percentage that is greater than the percentage increase in tuition and other fees approved by the board for the upcoming academic year; or**
- (d) The fee request is not advantageous to the cultural or physical development of students.**

(5) The recognized student government and the president shall seek to reach agreement on any dispute involving mandatory student-initiated fees, if necessary with the aid of a process established by the board, prior to a decision by the president.

(6) If an agreement is not reached, the decision of the president may be appealed to the board, which will render a final decision prior to the adoption, use or modification of a mandatory student-initiated fee.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2017 Act first applies to the 2018-2019 academic year.

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