

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3212

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 11

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after the semicolon delete the rest of the line and insert “and de-
2 claring an emergency.”.

3 After line 2, insert:

4 “Whereas median household income in Klamath County, Jackson County and Josephine County
5 sits well below the statewide median household income; and

6 “Whereas residents of Klamath County, Jackson County and Josephine County achieve post-
7 secondary success at rates significantly lower than the state average; and

8 “Whereas youth ages 16 to 24 in Klamath County, Jackson County and Josephine County are
9 disconnected from both school and work at notably higher levels than the state average; and

10 “Whereas Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Community College, Southern Oregon Uni-
11 versity and Rogue Community College have committed to working together in the Southern Oregon
12 Higher Education Consortium to leverage their individual strengths to improve the educational at-
13 tainment in the underserved populations of southern Oregon; and

14 “Whereas the Southern Oregon Higher Education Consortium has already begun to identify and
15 resolve systemic barriers that prevent students from accessing the programs and services of the four
16 member institutions; now, therefore,”.

17 Delete lines 4 through 15 and insert:

18 “**SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

19 “(a) ‘Consortium’ means the association between Oregon Institute of Technology,
20 Klamath Community College, Southern Oregon University and Rogue Community College.

21 “(b) ‘Navigator’ means an individual who works with students and administrative lead-
22 ership at each of the consortium institutions to:

23 “(A) Identify and remove systemic barriers that prevent students from transferring be-
24 tween consortium institutions; and

25 “(B) Assist students transferring between consortium institutions.

26 “(2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall provide a pilot program grant
27 to the consortium to assist the public post-secondary institutions of education in Klamath
28 County, Jackson County and Josephine County with expanding the effectiveness and scope
29 of the consortium.

30 “(3) Funding provided by the commission under subsection (2) of this section shall be
31 used to:

32 “(a) Provide funding for navigators.

33 “(b) Explore the feasibility of shared recruitment and admission into programs at con-
34 sortium institutions.

35 “(c) Develop benchmarks and metrics to measure the success of a collaborative consor-

1 tium approach for public post-secondary education in Klamath County, Jackson County and
2 Josephine County, including:

3 “(A) The percentage of rural, first generation, low income, veteran and underserved ra-
4 cial and ethnic populations that are served;

5 “(B) Term-to-term graduation rates for students enrolled at consortium institutions; and

6 “(C) The rate at which students enrolled at consortium institutions participate in high
7 technology or other next-generation apprenticeships.

8 “(4) No later than February 1, 2021, the consortium shall present to the commission
9 findings on:

10 “(a) Progress made by the consortium under the benchmarks and metrics developed un-
11 der subsection (3)(c) of this section; and

12 “(b) Any identified opportunities for and barriers to using a collaborative consortium
13 approach for public post-secondary education.

14 “(5) The commission shall provide a report detailing the findings presented to the com-
15 mission under subsection (4) of this section to the committees of the Legislative Assembly
16 related to higher education, in the manner provided under ORS 192.245, on or before March
17 1, 2021.

18 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2, 2022.

19 “SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
20 priated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July
21 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$500,000, for the purpose of carrying out the
22 provisions of section 1 of this 2019 Act.

23 “SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
24 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
25 on its passage.”.

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