

House Bill 3381

Sponsored by Representatives NOSSE, HERNANDEZ; Senators BOQUIST, FAGAN

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Prohibits public universities from increasing amount of tuition and mandatory fees charged to resident undergraduate and graduate students during 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years.

Prohibits community colleges from increasing amount of tuition and mandatory fees charged during 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years to resident students.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for purpose of maintaining current level of tuition and mandatory fees.

Requires report to Legislative Assembly detailing average student loan debt of public university and community college students, percentage of public university and community college students who receive student loans, average amount public university and community college students spend annually on textbooks and average amount that public university and community college students spend annually on housing and food costs.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to cost of higher education; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 352.102 or any other provision of law, the tuition**
5 **and mandatory enrollment fees charged by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 may not**
6 **exceed the amount charged by the university during the 2018-2019 academic year.**

7 **(2) This section applies to tuition and mandatory enrollment fees for the 2019-2020 and**
8 **2020-2021 academic years that are charged to resident undergraduate and graduate students.**

9 **SECTION 2. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 341.290 or any other provision of law, the tuition**
10 **charged by a community college operated under ORS chapter 341 may not exceed the amount**
11 **charged by the community college during the 2018-2019 academic year.**

12 **(2) This section applies to tuition charged for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years**
13 **to students who are residents of the community college district in which the community**
14 **college is located for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years.**

15 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
16 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**
17 **2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, to be allocated to public universities**
18 **listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges operated under ORS chapter 341 for the pur-**
19 **pose of carrying out the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this 2019 Act.**

20 **SECTION 4. (1) No later than March 31, 2020, each public university listed in ORS 352.002**
21 **shall provide to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission the following information:**

22 **(a) The mean, median and range of student loan debt owed by undergraduate and gradu-**
23 **ate students who graduate from the public university;**

24 **(b) The percentage of undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at the public uni-**
25 **versity who receive student loans;**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (c) The average amount of dollars that undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at
2 the public university spend annually on course textbooks; and

3 (d) The average amount of dollars that undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at
4 the public university spend annually on housing and food.

5 (2) No later than March 31, 2020, each community college operated under chapter 341
6 shall provide to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission the following information:

7 (a) The mean, median and range of student loan debt owed by students who graduate
8 from the community college;

9 (b) The percentage of students enrolled at the community college who receive student
10 loans;

11 (c) The average amount of dollars that students enrolled at the community college spend
12 annually on course textbooks; and

13 (d) The average amount of dollars that students enrolled at the community college spend
14 annually on housing and food.

15 (3) The commission shall present the results of the information received from public
16 universities and community colleges under subsections (1) and (2) of this section in a report
17 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education in the
18 manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2020.

19 SECTION 5. Section 4 of this 2019 Act is repealed on July 1, 2021.

20 SECTION 6. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
21 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
22 on its passage.
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