B-Engrossed House Bill 2214

Ordered by the Senate June 3 Including House Amendments dated March 15 and Senate Amendments dated June 3

Sponsored by Representative WILDE; Representatives EVANS, LEIF, SMITH DB (Presession filed.)

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.

[Limits amount that may be paid to outside attorneys hired by state government.]

Directs public university to report annually to Attorney General on university's use of outside counsel for legal matters.

Directs Attorney General to report to appropriate committee or interim committee of Legislative Assembly on use of outside counsel by universities no later than July 1, 2024.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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- Relating to the Attorney General; and prescribing an effective date.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall report annually to the 5 Attorney General on the university's use of outside counsel for legal matters. The report 6 must include:
 - (a) The types of matters handled by outside counsel;
 - (b) The number of litigation matters handled by outside counsel; and
 - (c) The total amount spent on outside counsel, categorized by type of matter.
 - (2) Reports under this section may be altered to protect the privacy of students and university employees and to comply with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g), the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, the attorney-client privilege, or other state and federal confidentiality rules.
 - SECTION 2. (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall submit the first report required under section 1 of this 2021 Act no later than January 2, 2022.
 - (2) No later than July 1, 2024, the Attorney General shall report to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly on:
 - (a) The use of outside counsel by public universities listed in ORS 352.002; and
 - (b) A summary of the process for use of outside counsel at public universities in other states.
 - SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.
- 22 <u>SECTION 4.</u> This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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.

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