

House Bill 2346

Sponsored by Representative BONHAM (at the request of former Representative Cheri Helt) (Pre-session 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 **as introduced**.

Allows student to transfer academic credits from any course contained within foundational curriculum to any other community college or public university.

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to facilitate alignment of general education requirements at community colleges and public universities in order to maximize number of courses included in foundational curricula. Requires commission to annually report to Legislative Assembly on progress made towards general education requirement alignment.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to transfer of academic credit; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 350.400 and
3 350.412.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 350.400 is amended to read:

6 350.400. (1) Community colleges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002 shall:

7 (a) Evaluate existing one-year curricula for students at a public post-secondary institution of
8 education who plan to transfer to a different public post-secondary institution of education; and

9 (b) Establish a foundational curriculum, or foundational curricula, for the first year of
10 coursework at public post-secondary institutions of education in this state.

11 (2) A foundational curriculum established under subsection (1) of this section must contain a
12 minimum of 30 college-level academic credits.

13 (3) Students [*at a community college*] who complete **a course that is part of** a foundational
14 curriculum established under subsection (1) of this section shall:

15 (a) Be able to transfer **all academic credit earned in the course to any other community**
16 **college or public university listed in ORS 352.002** [*each academic credit contained within the*
17 *foundational curriculum from a community college to any public university listed in ORS 352.002*]; and

18 (b) Have each academic credit from the **course that is part of** a foundational curriculum be
19 counted toward the student's degree requirements at any **other community college or public uni-**
20 **versity listed in ORS 352.002.**

21 **SECTION 2.** ORS 350.412 is amended to read:

22 350.412. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall regularly convene represen-
23 tatives from community colleges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002 in order to:

24 (a) **Facilitate the alignment of general education requirements at community colleges and**
25 **public universities listed in ORS 352.002 for the purpose of maximizing the number of courses**
26 **included in foundational curricula described in ORS 350.400;**

27 [(a)] (b) Facilitate the coordination and establishment of foundational curricula described in
28 ORS 350.400; and

29 [(b)] (c) Facilitate the development, and ensure the continued alignment, of the unified statewide

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 transfer agreements described in ORS 350.404.

2 (2) The commission shall provide staffing for each meeting held under subsection (1) of this
3 section.

4 (3) The commission shall seek to ensure that community colleges, public universities listed in
5 ORS 352.002 and students are informed and engaged on the current status and developments of
6 foundational curricula and unified statewide transfer agreements.

7 (4) Each community college and public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall report annually to
8 the commission, for each unified statewide transfer agreement established under ORS 350.404, the
9 number of academic credits that were successfully transferred in that major course of study by
10 students who transfer from a community college to a public university.

11 (5) To the extent relevant data is available, the commission shall report annually to the Legis-
12 lative Assembly on:

13 (a) **The progress community colleges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002 are**
14 **making toward aligning general educational requirements for the purpose of maximizing the**
15 **number of courses included in foundational curricula described in ORS 350.400; and**

16 (b) Whether existing unified statewide transfer agreements are meeting the goals set forth in
17 ORS 350.404 (2).

18 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 350.400 and 350.412 become operative on January**
19 **1, 2023.**