

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2408

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 10

1 Delete lines 4 through 11 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) Southern Oregon University shall develop and administer a student be-**  
3 **havioral health credentialing pilot program. To the extent practicable, the university shall**  
4 **enable at least 100 individuals to receive credentialing under the pilot program by June 30,**  
5 **2023.**

6 **“(2) Training for the student behavioral health credentialing pilot program shall:**

7 **“(a) Advance the behavioral health skill level of school district staff and of individuals**  
8 **interested in entering the workforce for student behavioral health;**

9 **“(b) Align with standards for the student health credentialing pilot program to ensure**  
10 **predictability is provided for mental health care providers, school districts and other em-**  
11 **ployers of individuals who receive training; and**

12 **“(c) Be coordinated and provided by:**

13 **“(A) Southern Oregon University;**

14 **“(B) The education service district that serves Jackson, Josephine and Klamath Counties;**  
15 **and**

16 **“(C) Mental health care providers in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath Counties.**

17 **“(3)(a) The university shall establish standards by which financial assistance is made**  
18 **available under the pilot program for the following:**

19 **“(A) Tuition costs and other costs incurred in relation to training and credentialing;**

20 **“(B) Staffing costs incurred by employers while individuals attend training; and**

21 **“(C) Costs incurred by providers of training.**

22 **“(b) When providing financial assistance under this subsection, priority shall be given to**  
23 **enable the following to receive training and credentialing:**

24 **“(A) Early childhood educators;**

25 **“(B) Classroom assistants and other school district staff from kindergarten through**  
26 **grade 12; and**

27 **“(C) Behavioral health workers interested in assisting students.**

28 **“(4) The university shall report on the pilot program to the interim committees of the**  
29 **Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 1, 2023. The report may**  
30 **include recommendations for legislation and for methods of providing student behavioral**  
31 **health credentialing and training throughout this state.**

32 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2023.**

33 **“SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-**  
34 **priated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for distribution to Southern**  
35 **Oregon University, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the**

1 amount of \$100,000, which shall be expended for the pilot program described in section 1 of  
2 this 2021 Act.

3 SECTION 4. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
4 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect  
5 July 1, 2021.”

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