

Requested by Representative NERON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2408**

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

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

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

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

11 **“(b) Align with standards for the student health credentialing pilot**
12 **program to ensure predictability is provided for mental health care**
13 **providers, school districts and other employers of individuals who re-**
14 **ceive training; and**

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

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

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

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

21 **“(3)(a) The university shall establish standards by which financial**

1 assistance is made available under the pilot program for the following:

2 “(A) Tuition costs and other costs incurred in relation to training
3 and credentialing;

4 “(B) Staffing costs incurred by employers while individuals attend
5 training; and

6 “(C) Costs incurred by providers of training.

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

10 “(A) Early childhood educators;

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

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

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

19 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31,
20 2023.

21 “SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
22 ation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating
23 Commission, for distribution to Southern Oregon University, for the
24 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount
25 of \$100,000, which shall be expended for the pilot program described in
26 section 1 of this 2021 Act.

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

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