

**HB 2471 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Health and Science University, in consultation with Oregon Department of Administrative Services and Department of Revenue, to conduct study to determine how best to revise repayment method for individuals who receive scholarship from Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative, but who do not fulfill required service agreement. Directs university to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to higher education not later than September 15, 2024. Prohibits university from requiring repayment from individuals who fail to complete service agreement until July 2, 2025.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative (SHOI) provides full tuition and applicable fees for a limited number of eligible students entering specific clinical degree programs at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). In return, SHOI recipients agree to practice as a healthcare practitioner in a rural or underserved community in Oregon for a minimum of one year longer than the total years of funding received.

House Bill 2471 would require Oregon Health and Science University, in consultation with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and Department of Revenue, to conduct a study to determine how best to revise repayment methods for individuals who receive a scholarship from the Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative, but who do not fulfill required service agreement.