

House Bill 2485

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE (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 **as introduced**.

Requires Portland State University, subject to sufficient moneys being appropriated, to enhance state's capacity to educate public mental health and addiction treatment providers by July 1, 2028, by materially increasing number of graduates from relevant degree programs.

Appropriates moneys to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for allocation to Portland State University.

Declares emergency, effective on July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Portland State University; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Subject to the appropriation of sufficient moneys by the Legislative As-**
5 **sembly, by July 1, 2028, Portland State University shall enhance the state's capacity to edu-**
6 **cate public mental health and addiction treatment providers in a self-sustaining manner by:**

7 (a) **Materially increasing the number of individuals who graduate from the university**
8 **each year with a bachelor's degree in social work;**

9 (b) **Materially increasing the number of individuals who graduate from the university**
10 **each year with a master's degree in social work; and**

11 (c) **Materially increasing the number of individuals who graduate from the university**
12 **each year who are prepared to provide mental health and addiction treatment and become**
13 **certified alcohol and drug counselors.**

14 (2) **Portland State University shall accomplish the increase of graduates described in**
15 **subsection (1) of this section by:**

16 (a) **Increasing the number of student scholarships in order to reduce or eliminate student**
17 **debt for students who graduate with social work degrees;**

18 (b) **Increasing the number of faculty, university staff and field staff supporting students**
19 **who are seeking social work degrees;**

20 (c) **Awarding stipends to students who are seeking social work degrees and who are**
21 **working with community organizations; and**

22 (d) **Any other method determined by Portland State University to be necessary to en-**
23 **hance the state's capacity to educate public mental health and addiction treatment providers**
24 **in the manner described in subsection (1) of this section.**

25 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on July 2, 2029.**

26 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
27 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**
28 **2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,783,000, to be allocated to Portland State**
29 **University for the purposes set forth in section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

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 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
3 **on July 1, 2023.**

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