

House Bill 3089

Sponsored by Representative LEVY B, Senators HANSELL, DEMBROW; Representatives CONRAD, HIEB, LEVY E, OWENS, WRIGHT, Senator WEBER

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**.

Authorizes Higher Education Coordinating Commission to award "Hunger Free Campus" designation to public universities and community colleges that demonstrate required actions taken to combat hunger.

Requires commission, when moneys are available, to administer grant program to provide moneys for funding student hunger programs and innovations at public universities and community colleges. Establishes how commission must prioritize recipients of grants.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to commission to fund grant program.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to combating hunger at post-secondary institutions of education; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) A public institution of higher education may apply for a "Hunger Free**
6 **Campus" designation. An application under this subsection shall be made to the Higher Ed-**
7 **ucation Coordinating Commission under a process adopted by rule by the commission.**

8 **(2) The commission shall award a "Hunger Free Campus" designation under this section**
9 **to each public institution of higher education that applies under subsection (1) of this section**
10 **and demonstrates that the institution has:**

11 **(a) Established a hunger task force that:**

12 **(A) Meets three or more times per academic year;**

13 **(B) Creates two or more action plans to combat hunger among students enrolled at the**
14 **institution; and**

15 **(C) Includes two or more representatives of the current student body on the task force;**

16 **(b) Designated a staff member who is responsible for assisting students with enrollment**
17 **in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;**

18 **(c) Provided:**

19 **(A) Options for students to use federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ben-**
20 **efits at campus stores; or**

21 **(B) Information on establishments near the campus of the public institution of higher**
22 **education where students could use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to**
23 **purchase products;**

24 **(d) Hosted a campus awareness event during national Hunger and Homelessness Aware-**
25 **ness Week;**

26 **(e)(A) Provided at least one physical food pantry on the campus of the institution; or**

27 **(B) Enabled students to receive food through a direct, stigma-free arrangement estab-**

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1 lished between the institution and a local food pantry or food bank that is near campus;

2 (f)(A) Developed a student meal credit donation program; or

3 (B) Designated moneys from the institution to provide free meal vouchers for students;

4 and

5 (g) Conducted a biennial student survey on hunger at the institution:

6 (A) That is developed by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission; and

7 (B) The results of which are disaggregated by race, gender, sexual orientation, parenting
8 status and financial aid status.

9 (3) When the commission determines that sufficient moneys are available, the commis-
10 sion shall administer a grant program to provide moneys for funding student hunger pro-
11 grams and innovations at public institutions of higher education. The commission shall by
12 rule establish a process for public institutions of higher education to apply for grant moneys
13 under this subsection. When deciding which applications to award grants to, the commission
14 shall prioritize based on the percentage of students at the institution who meet at least one
15 of the following criteria:

16 (a) Are recipients of federal Pell grants;

17 (b) Are recipients of Oregon Opportunity Grants;

18 (c) Are recipients of moneys from the Oregon Promise program;

19 (d) Are eligible to receive resident tuition under ORS 352.287; and

20 (e) Are enrolled in:

21 (A) A GED program as defined in ORS 339.460;

22 (B) Adult basic skills classes;

23 (C) Nonreimbursable courses that are not taken for academic credit; or

24 (D) Workforce development courses.

25 (4) The commission may adopt rules to implement this section.

26 (5) As used in this section, “public institution of higher education” means:

27 (a) A public university listed in ORS 352.002; and

28 (b) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341.

29 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
30 ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,
31 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$5,000,000, to fund the grant program described
32 in section 1 (3) of this 2023 Act.

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

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