

House Bill 3609

Sponsored by Representatives WRIGHT, MANNIX

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**.

Establishes Oregon International Student Support Program in Higher Education Coordinating Commission for purpose of encouraging international students to enroll at public institutions of higher education.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to international students attending post-secondary institutions of education; and prescribing
3 an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) **"International student" means an individual who:**

7 (A) **Resides in a country other than the United States;**

8 (B) **Is lawfully admitted into the United States under a federal visa program for the**
9 **purpose of attending a post-secondary institution of education; and**

10 (C) **Maintains the individual's legal status in the United States under a federal visa pro-**
11 **gram.**

12 (b) **"Public institution of higher education" has the meaning given that term in ORS**
13 **350.260.**

14 (2) **The Oregon International Student Support Program is established in the Higher Ed-**
15 **ucation Coordinating Commission for the purpose of encouraging international students to**
16 **enroll at public institutions of higher education.**

17 (3) **A public institution of higher education may apply to participate in the program by**
18 **submitting an application to the commission in the manner described in subsection (5) of this**
19 **section.**

20 (4) **Subject to subsection (5)(c) of this section, under the program:**

21 (a) **Participating public institutions of higher education shall charge international stu-**
22 **dents resident tuition and fees for enrollment as an undergraduate student;**

23 (b) **The commission shall pay participating public institutions of higher education the**
24 **difference between nonresident tuition and fees and resident tuition and fees for each inter-**
25 **national student enrolled as an undergraduate student at a participating public institution**
26 **of higher education; and**

27 (c) **Each international student who enrolls as an undergraduate student at a participating**
28 **public institution of higher education shall be responsible for establishing a source of funding**
29 **to cover:**

30 (A) **The resident tuition and fees charged to enroll as an undergraduate student at the**

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1 **public institution of higher education; and**

2 **(B) Any additional costs associated with attending the institution, including but not lim-**
3 **ited to room and board, books and transportation.**

4 **(5) The commission shall adopt any rules necessary to administer the program, including**
5 **but not limited to:**

6 **(a) Subject to subsection (6) of this section, specifying the form and timelines for a public**
7 **institution of higher education to submit an application to participate in the program;**

8 **(b) Establishing procedures for how public institutions of higher education may claim and**
9 **receive payments described in subsection (4)(b) of this section; and**

10 **(c) Determining the number of public institutions of higher education and international**
11 **students enrolled at public institutions of higher education that can participate in the pro-**
12 **gram during each academic year.**

13 **(6) As part of any application to participate in the program, a public institution of higher**
14 **education must include a student support plan that:**

15 **(a) Describes the countries the institution will work with and seek to enroll students**
16 **from; and**

17 **(b) Describes how the institution will promote the program to international students.**

18 **SECTION 2. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
19 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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