

# Senate Bill 272

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## 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**.

Provides that student who legally entered United States as refugee, through special immigrant visa or under Compact of Free Association treaty between United States and Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands or Federated States of Micronesia and who has not previously established residence in any state or territory of United States other than Oregon qualifies for exemption from nonresident tuition and fees at Oregon Health and Science University.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to tuition equity; creating new provisions; amending ORS 353.123; and declaring an emer-  
3 gency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 353.123 is amended to read:

6 353.123. (1)(a) **Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection**, the Oregon  
7 Health and Science University Board of Directors may exempt a student who is not a citizen or a  
8 lawful permanent resident of the United States[, *or who is a refugee, special immigrant visa holder*  
9 *or COFA islander,*] from paying nonresident tuition and fees for enrollment at Oregon Health and  
10 Science University consistent with policies adopted by the board or by university officials acting  
11 under authority of the board.

12 **(b) A student who is a COFA islander and who has not previously established residence**  
13 **in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia other than Oregon**  
14 **shall qualify for exemption from nonresident tuition and fees for enrollment as an under-**  
15 **graduate student and as a graduate student in a degree program at Oregon Health and Sci-**  
16 **ence University.**

17 **(c) A student who is a refugee or special immigrant visa holder and who has not previ-**  
18 **ously established residence in any state or territory of the United States or the District of**  
19 **Columbia other than Oregon shall qualify for exemption from nonresident tuition and fees**  
20 **for enrollment as an undergraduate student and as a graduate student in a degree program**  
21 **at Oregon Health and Science University.**

22 (2) A student who is not a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States, or who  
23 is a refugee, special immigrant visa holder or COFA islander, is eligible to receive scholarships and  
24 other financial aid from the university consistent with policies adopted by the board or university  
25 officials acting under the authority of the board.

26 (3) As used in this section, "COFA islander," "refugee" and "special immigrant visa holder"  
27 have the meanings given those terms in ORS 352.287.

28 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 353.123 by section 1 of this 2023 Act first apply to

**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 enrollment as an undergraduate student or a graduate student in a degree program during  
2 the 2023-2024 academic year.

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