

Requested by Representative MCLAIN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2611**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 27 and delete page
2 2.

3 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 4 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 350.355, as amended by section 30, chapter 81, Oregon
5 Laws 2022, is amended to read:

6 “350.355. (1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a
7 part-time faculty member at a public institution of higher education is eli-
8 gible for the same employee-only health care benefits, **including dental**
9 **benefits and vision benefits**, as full-time faculty members if the part-time
10 faculty member is **eligible for membership in the Public Employees Re-**
11 **tirement System or another plan authorized under ORS chapter 238**
12 **or 238A by teaching** [*working at a level equal to at least half of a full-time*
13 *equivalent employee determined as an average*] either at a single public in-
14 stitution of higher education or in aggregate at multiple public institutions
15 of higher education during **the previous academic year** [*at least three of*
16 *the four previous academic terms*].

17 “(b) The total cost of providing any health benefit plan offered by a public
18 institution of higher education to a part-time faculty member under this
19 section may not increase annually by more than the annual increase in pre-
20 mium amounts paid for contracted health benefit plans that is permitted
21 under ORS 243.135 (8)(b) or 243.866 (9)(b).

1 “(2)(a) In order to receive employee-only health care benefits under this
2 section, a part-time faculty member must select a home public institution of
3 higher education for the duration of the benefit year under a process estab-
4 lished by each institution. A home public institution of higher education
5 selected under this subsection:

6 “(A) Must be one at which the part-time faculty member is working dur-
7 ing the academic term at the time of the application; and

8 “(B) Is responsible for:

9 “(i) Determining whether the part-time faculty member is eligible to re-
10 ceive health care benefits under this section;

11 “(ii) Determining, on an annual basis, whether a part-time faculty member
12 who was found to be eligible to receive health care benefits under sub-
13 subparagraph (i) of this subparagraph continues to be eligible to receive
14 health care benefits under this section;

15 “(iii) Collecting the premiums for health benefit plans that must be paid
16 by the part-time faculty member under subsection (3) of this section;

17 “(iv) Paying the full cost of the insurance premiums for providing health
18 benefit plans to the part-time faculty member, subject to reimbursement as
19 described in subsection (4) of this section; and

20 “(v) Administering and providing health benefit plans to the part-time
21 faculty member in the manner described in this section.

22 “(b) In order to receive health care benefits under this section, a part-time
23 faculty member must provide the home public institution of higher education
24 with all information necessary for the institution to determine the eligibility
25 of the part-time faculty member to receive health care benefits under this
26 section.

27 **“(c) No later than 30 days before the deadline to submit an appli-
28 cation to receive health care benefits under this section, each public
29 institution of higher education must notify all part-time faculty
30 members who have been employed by the institution during the cur-**

1 **rent academic year and the previous academic year of:**

2 **“(A) The eligibility requirements to receive health benefits under**
3 **this section;**

4 **“(B) The health care benefits and associated costs available to**
5 **qualifying part-time faculty members; and**

6 **“(C) Instructions on how part-time faculty members may apply to**
7 **receive health care benefits under this section.**

8 “(3)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a part-time
9 faculty member at a public institution of higher education shall pay 10 per-
10 cent of all insurance premiums for health benefit plans.

11 “(b) A public institution of higher education may provide by collective
12 bargaining at the institution to pay for some or all of the insurance premi-
13 ums that must otherwise be paid by a part-time faculty member under para-
14 graph (a) of this subsection. The public institution of higher education may
15 not be reimbursed under subsection (4) of this section for the costs the in-
16 stitution incurs to provide health benefit plans under this paragraph.

17 “(4)(a) Every three months a public institution of higher education may
18 request reimbursement from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission
19 for the cost of paying insurance premiums for providing health benefit plans
20 to each part-time faculty member who has selected the institution as the
21 faculty member’s home public institution of higher education under sub-
22 section (2) of this section.

23 “(b) The commission shall use moneys from the Part-Time Faculty Insur-
24 ance Fund established under ORS 350.357 to fully reimburse each public in-
25 stitution of higher education for all documented costs requested by the
26 institution under this subsection, except for any costs described in subsection
27 (3) of this section.

28 “(5) Unless otherwise provided for by collective bargaining, a part-time
29 faculty member at a public institution of higher education who is eligible for
30 health care benefits under subsection (1) of this section may receive health

1 care benefits only in the manner provided by this section.

2 **“(6) Each agency request budget filed by the Higher Education Co-**
3 **ordinating Commission under ORS 291.208 must include, as part of the**
4 **budget, moneys sufficient to provide health care benefits to part-time**
5 **faculty members in the manner required by this section.**

6 “[~~6~~] (7) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may adopt rules
7 necessary to implement subsection (4) of this section.”.

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