

## HB 2675 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 1/30

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$802,835 to the Oregon Institute of Technology to provide an after-school program for children of faculty, staff, and students.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

##### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

##### BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Institute of Technology, which has campuses in Klamath Falls and Wilsonville, is the state's polytechnic university.

Access to child care in higher education has been a repeated topic of discussion in past legislative sessions. Based on [recommendations](#) from the Joint Task Force on Student Success for Underrepresented Students in Higher Education (JTUSHE), House Bill 2263 (2023) proposed a Task Force on Student Access to Child Care.

According to data reported by the [Oregon Child Care Research Partnership](#) at Oregon State University, Klamath County is a childcare desert, with childcare available for only 12 percent of children ages zero to two and only 42 percent of children ages three to five.

The 2023-2024 Oregon Legislative Assembly identified an ongoing need for after-school and summer learning programs with the funding of [House Bill 4082 \(2024\)](#) and the subsequent [study](#) of Oregon's summer and afterschool programs. After-school and summer learning programs have been promoted as a strategy for addressing education disparities, including low proficiency rates in reading and math, which declined in Oregon during the COVID-19 pandemic and have not yet recovered.