### FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION



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Bill Title: Relating to tuition and fees for public universities.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University, Western Oregon University

# **Summary of Fiscal Impact**

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - see explanatory analysis.

# **Measure Description**

The measure authorizes the governing boards of Eastern Oregon University (EOU), Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT), Southern Oregon University (SOU), and Western Oregon University (WOU) to establish a tuition rate for qualifying students from East Asia that is equal to the tuition rate paid by Oregon residents. In addition, each of the universities may establish separate fees for services used by qualifying students from East Asia.

# **Fiscal Analysis**

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate, but it is anticipated to be minimal. Although the measure authorizes EOU, OIT, SOU, and WOU to establish a program to offer resident tuition for qualifying students from East Asia, they are not required to do so. Assuming the universities were to lower the cost of tuition for qualifying students from East Asia, their tuition revenues would decrease to some extent, as the tuition paid by students who are Oregon residents is lower than tuition paid by all other students. However, the universities would be able to offset any lost tuition revenues by establishing separate fees for services used by qualifying students from East Asia.

### **Relevant Dates**

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.