

House Bill 2389

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act limits higher learning schools in this state from increasing the number of their students by more than five percent each year. The Act requires each school to refer applications they receive in excess of the limit to specified schools. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.2).

Prohibits public universities in this state from increasing enrollment by more than five percent over the preceding academic year. Requires public universities to refer any application received by the university in excess of the limit on enrollment to the nearest community college and to specified public universities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to enrollment limit for public universities; amending ORS 352.089.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 352.089 is amended to read:

5 352.089. (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall adopt a mission statement for the
6 university, and shall forward the statement to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

7 (2) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall submit any significant change in the
8 university's academic programs to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. The commission
9 shall establish a process for reviewing the significant program change for approval. The commission
10 shall establish, by rule, what constitutes a significant change to a university's academic program.
11 The commission shall further ensure that approved programs:

12 (a) Are consistent with the mission statement of the university;

13 (b) Do not unnecessarily duplicate academic programs offered by Oregon's other public univer-
14 sities;

15 (c) Are not located in a geographic area that will cause undue hardship to Oregon's other public
16 universities;

17 (d) Are allocated among Oregon's public universities to maximize the achievement of statewide
18 needs and requirements; and

19 (e) Submitted by Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University or Eastern Oregon
20 University comply with ORS 352.011.

21 (3)(a) Pursuant to ORS 350.090, on or before September 1 of each even-numbered year, the
22 Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall submit a consolidated funding request to the
23 Governor on behalf of all public universities listed in ORS 352.002.

24 (b) The Governor's budget may include funding requests from public universities.

25 (4) As part of a funding request submitted under subsection (3) of this section, a public univer-
26 sity listed in ORS 352.002 may request, and appropriations may include but are not limited to,
27 funding for education and general operations, statewide public services, state-funded debt service,
28 capital improvements, deferred maintenance, special initiatives and investments or any other pur-

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 pose authorized by ORS 350.075 (3)(e). Any moneys appropriated to pay debt service for state bonds
 2 must be held by the State Treasurer pursuant to an agreement entered into by the State Treasurer
 3 and a public university under ORS 352.135 (2).

4 (5) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 that wishes to request the issuance of state bonds,
 5 including a public university that elects to remain eligible to receive proceeds of state bonds under
 6 ORS 352.402, must make a request to this effect to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.
 7 The commission shall establish a process for reviewing the request to issue state bonds. The com-
 8 mission shall decide whether, and in what manner, to make a request for the issuance of state bonds
 9 to the Legislative Assembly.

10 (6)(a) Each public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall respond to a request for data from the
 11 Legislative Assembly or other state body by submitting the requested information to the Higher
 12 Education Coordinating Commission. The commission shall consolidate the data received from public
 13 universities. The commission shall be responsible for providing the data to the Legislative Assembly
 14 or other requesting entity.

15 (b) As used in this subsection, “data” means any information that, as of August 14, 2013, is
 16 collected by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from each university and reported to
 17 the Legislative Assembly or any other state entity, including but not limited to retention and grad-
 18 uation rates and demographic information on students.

19 **(7)(a) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 may not increase the enrollment at that**
 20 **public university by more than five percent from the preceding academic year. For any public**
 21 **university that receives a number of applications for enrollment in excess of the limit pro-**
 22 **vided under this subsection, that public university shall refer each application received in**
 23 **excess of the limit on enrollment to the nearest community college to that applicant, if that**
 24 **applicant resides in this state, and to Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Tech-**
 25 **nology, Southern Oregon University and Western Oregon University.**

26 (b) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall adopt rules necessary for the
 27 administration of this subsection.

28 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 352.089 by section 1 of this 2025 Act first apply to**
 29 **the 2027-2028 academic year.**

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