

# House Bill 2398

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 tells HECC to create a direct admissions program for certain higher learning schools. The Act sunsets on July 1, 2035. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.0).

Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish a direct admissions program for community colleges and certain public universities in this state. Requires each high school in this state to provide certain information about students who received a high school diploma to specified community colleges and universities. Prohibits a student's information from being provided unless that student consents.

Sunsets on July 1, 2035.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to direct admissions to certain institutions of higher education.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) For purposes of this section, the term "institutions of higher**  
4 **education" means:**

5 (a) **Community colleges operated under ORS chapter 341;**

6 (b) **Eastern Oregon University;**

7 (c) **Oregon Institute of Technology;**

8 (d) **Southern Oregon University; and**

9 (e) **Western Oregon University.**

10 (2) **Notwithstanding ORS 350.075 (3)(n), the Higher Education Coordinating Commission**  
11 **shall establish a direct admissions program for institutions of higher education.**

12 (3)(a) **The program established under subsection (2) of this section must include a re-**  
13 **quirement that, at the end of each school year, each high school in this state provide to the**  
14 **nearest community college to that high school, in addition to Eastern Oregon University,**  
15 **Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University and Western Oregon Univer-**  
16 **sity, the name and other information to be determined by the commission by rule of each**  
17 **student who received a high school diploma.**

18 (b) **A student's information described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may not be**  
19 **provided unless that student consents to the provision of that student's information in ac-**  
20 **cordance with the policy of each school district board.**

21 (4) **The information that is provided to institutions of higher education under subsection**  
22 **(3) of this section shall operate as a provisional automatic registration to those institutions.**

23 (5) **A provisional automatic registration under this section supersedes any other admis-**  
24 **sion requirement at any institution of higher education.**

25 (6) **The commission and the State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement this**  
26 **section.**  
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**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 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act first applies to the 2026-2027 school year.**

2 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on July 1, 2035.**

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