

House Bill 2404

Sponsored by Representative LEVY B; Representatives OWENS, SMITH G, Senator NASH (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: This Act tells the State Board of Ed. to make a pilot program to help students access education after high school. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.6).

Requires the State Board of Education, in coordination with Eastern Oregon University, to establish a pilot program to provide resources and support for students to access post-secondary education opportunities.

Directs the Department of Education to submit a report on the pilot program no later than December 15, 2026.

Sunset on January 2, 2028.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to student readiness for post-secondary education; and prescribing an effective date.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Board of Education, in coordination with Eastern Oregon**
4 **University, shall develop a pilot program to provide resources and support for students to**
5 **learn about, apply for and enroll in post-secondary education or training programs. The pilot**
6 **program shall offer resources and support to students enrolled in grades 6 through 12 in**
7 **school districts located in eastern Oregon.**

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9 **(2) Resources and support offered under the pilot program may include, but need not be**
10 **limited to:**

11 **(a) General information about post-secondary education and training opportunities;**

12 **(b) Strategies and resources for researching post-secondary education and training op-**
13 **portunities;**

14 **(c) Support with applying to a post-secondary institution of education; and**

15 **(d) Support with applying for financial aid and scholarships.**

16 **SECTION 2. (1) No later than December 15, 2026, the Department of Education shall**
17 **submit a report on the pilot program established under section 1 of this 2025 Act to the in-**
18 **terim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education in the manner provided**
19 **by ORS 192.245.**

20 **(2) The report shall include the number of hours of support provided to students under**
21 **the pilot program and the number of students who participated in the pilot program.**

22 **(3) The report may include recommendations for legislation, including recommendations**
23 **for expanding the pilot program to additional areas of the state.**

24 **SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act are repealed on January 2, 2028.**

25 **SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
26 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**
27 **2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, for distribution to Eastern Oregon**

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 **University to implement the pilot program established under section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

2 **SECTION 5. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
3 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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