

House Bill 2458

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: Tells HECC to study reporting requirements by higher learning schools in this state. Tells HECC to create a plan to reduce the number of reports. (Flesch Readability Score: 81.8).

Requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to conduct a study on reporting requirements placed on public universities in this state. Specifies that the study must include an inventory of all reporting requirements and a plan to reduce any unnecessary or duplicative requirements.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to reporting requirements for public universities; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas public universities in this state are currently burdened with numerous reporting re-
4 quirements that are often unfunded, leading to significant financial and administrative strain on the
5 institutions; and

6 Whereas duplication in reporting requirements across various agencies creates inefficiencies,
7 wastes resources and diverts valuable time and effort away from educational priorities; and

8 Whereas reducing unnecessary reporting can free up funds that can be better utilized for aca-
9 demic programs, student services and institutional improvements; and

10 Whereas the Higher Education Coordinating Commission is in a position to oversee and coor-
11 dinate reporting requirements for public universities to ensure alignment with educational goals and
12 efficient use of resources; and

13 Whereas the aim of the Legislative Assembly is to support the implementation of recommen-
14 dations that would reduce unnecessary and duplicative reporting requirements to enhance the effi-
15 ciency and effectiveness of public universities in this state, thereby fostering an environment that
16 prioritizes educational excellence and student success; now, therefore,

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

18 **SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall conduct a study**
19 **regarding reporting requirements for the public universities listed in ORS 352.002. The study**
20 **must:**

21 **(a) Include an inventory of all requirements placed on the public universities by law and**
22 **rule to report specified information to the commission;**

23 **(b) Identify any overlapping or duplicative requirements among the reporting require-**
24 **ments inventoried under paragraph (a) of this subsection; and**

25 **(c) Develop, in consultation with the presidents of the public universities, a plan to**
26 **eliminate any unnecessary or duplicative reporting requirements.**

27 **(2) The commission shall submit a report, including the plan required under subsection**
28 **(1)(c) of this section, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of**

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 the Legislative Assembly related to higher education for review and approval by September
2 15, 2026.

3 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

4 SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
5 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
6 on its passage.

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