

A-Engrossed House Bill 2649

Ordered by the House April 14
Including House Amendments dated April 14

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Presession 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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act allows certain higher learning schools to set tuition rates for certain students from East Asia. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1).

[Digest: The Act lets certain higher learning schools increase their costs without HECC approval. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).]

[Permits certain public universities in this state to increase tuition and fees without the approval of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.]

Permits the governing boards of certain universities in this state to establish a tuition rate for certain qualifying students participating in a program developed by the boards for cooperation in higher education and economic development with certain countries in East Asia. Requires the rate of tuition to be a specified amount. Permits the boards to establish fees for services used by the students and the requirements for a student to be qualified.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to tuition and fees for public universities; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 352.287, the governing boards of Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University and Western Oregon University may establish a rate of tuition for qualifying students participating in a program developed by the boards for cooperation in higher education and economic development with countries located in East Asia as determined by the boards.

(2) The rate of tuition established under subsection (1) of this section must be equivalent to the average tuition rate established among Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University and Western Oregon University for residents of this state.

(3) In addition to the rate of tuition established under subsection (1) of this section, the boards may establish separate fees for services used by qualifying students who participate in the program developed by the boards in subsection (1) of this section.

(4) The boards shall establish the requirements for a student to be qualified for the tuition and fees established under this section.

SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.