

# House Bill 2997

Sponsored by Representative RUIZ, Senator GORSEK (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 requires HECC to create a grant program for college access and success. The Act sets the criteria for a grant to be given. (Flesch Readability Score: 79.0).

Requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish a grant program for the purpose of supporting organizations to expand the scope and community reach of college access and success programs. Details the eligibility criteria to receive a grant and the factors the commission must consider when awarding grants.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to higher education.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall establish a grant**  
5 **program for the purpose of supporting organizations to expand the scope and community**  
6 **reach of college access and success programs.**

7 **(2) In order to be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an organization must:**

8 **(a) Be a not-for-profit corporation that is tax exempt under section 501(c) of the Internal**  
9 **Revenue Code;**

10 **(b) Be a community-based organization; or**

11 **(c) Be a public institution of higher education as defined in ORS 350.260.**

12 **(3) In awarding grants under this section, the commission shall consider whether an eli-**  
13 **gible organization under subsection (2) of this section has a demonstrated history of provid-**  
14 **ing:**

15 **(a) Successful college access and success programs; and**

16 **(b) Programs and services to populations that are historically underrepresented in post-**  
17 **secondary institutions of education.**

18 **(4) The commission shall adopt any rules necessary for the administration of this section,**  
19 **including any rules related to:**

20 **(a) Specifying the form and timelines for submitting an application for a grant under this**  
21 **section;**

22 **(b) Determining whether an organization is eligible for a grant under this section;**

23 **(c) Calculating the amount to award to grant recipients under this section; and**

24 **(d) Collecting data required to evaluate program effectiveness.**  
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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.