

House Bill 3955

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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 creates a fund matching program for research at OHSU. (Flesch Readability Score: 80.3).

Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to administer a program to provide matching funds for research at Oregon Health and Science University. Directs the university to provide confirmation that the university has received a specified amount of private funding for research before the university may receive moneys under the program.

Establishes the OHSU Research Fund to support the program. Appropriates moneys to the commission for deposit into the fund.

Sunsetts the program and the fund on January 2, 2028.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to research funding at Oregon Health and Science University; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall administer a funding match program for the purposes of supporting research at Oregon Health and Science University.

(2) To receive funding under subsection (1) of this section, the university shall provide confirmation to the commission that the university has secured not less than \$10 million in private funding for research grants.

(3) The commission may not provide funding to the university under subsection (1) of this section unless the university has first provided confirmation to the commission in accordance with subsection (2) of this section.

(4) The commission shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education, no later than December 15, 2026. The report required under this subsection must include:

(a) The amount of funding provided to the university through the program described in subsection (1) of this section;

(b) The nature of research projects funded by the program; and

(c) Any impact on research outcomes resulting from the funding.

(5) The commission shall adopt rules for the implementation of this section. Rules adopted under this subsection must include the process by which the university must verify private funding to the commission and eligibility criteria for research projects to be funded.

SECTION 2. (1) The OHSU Research Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the OHSU Research Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to administer the program described in section 1 of this

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 **2025 Act.**

2 (2) The OHSU Research Fund shall consist of all moneys credited to the fund, including
3 moneys appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly.

4 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for
5 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$5,000,000 for
6 deposit into the OHSU Research Fund established in section 2 of this 2025 Act.

7 **SECTION 4.** (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act are repealed on January 2, 2028.

8 (2) Any moneys remaining in the OHSU Research Fund that are unexpended and unobli-
9 gated on July 1, 2027, shall revert to the General Fund.

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