

House Bill 3472

Sponsored by Representatives WHISNANT, HARKER, GILLIAM

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**.

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to conduct study on freezing tuition increases for incoming undergraduate students at public universities.

Requires commission to submit report to interim legislative committees no later than September 30, 2013.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to higher education tuition; and declaring an emergency

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall conduct a study on whether public universities listed in ORS 352.002 can successfully implement a tuition freeze that will guarantee that incoming undergraduate students have the same tuition rate for four years. The study must include an analysis of:

(a) The "Western Tuition Promise" offered by Western Oregon University;

(b) The "Finish in Four" program proposed in Florida; and

(c) Ways of mitigating the financial strain that the adoption of a tuition freeze would place on a university's finances.

(2) The commission shall submit a report on the study described in subsection (1) of this section to the interim legislative committees on higher education no later than September 30, 2013.

SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 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.