

# Senate Bill 473

Sponsored by Senator GELSER, Representative NOSSE (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**.

Requires each public university, community college or other institution of higher education to allow students, faculty and staff to identify sexual orientation on forms used to collect demographic data.

Requires each public university or community college to make demographic data available to Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Requires commission to establish format and time frame for collection and reporting of demographic data, to evaluate public university and community college compliance with collecting and providing demographic data and to report to each regular session of Legislative Assembly on status of collecting and providing demographic data.

Requires each public university or community college to permit enrolled students to use name other than legal first name on all campus records.

Requires commission to assist public universities and community colleges in implementing preferred first name policy.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to identifying information at higher education institutions.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) Each public university listed in ORS 352.002, community college or other institution of higher education that operates in this state shall allow all students, faculty and staff to identify the person's sexual orientation on any forms used to collect demographic data that includes gender, race or ethnicity.**

**(2) Each public university listed in ORS 352.002 or community college shall make the demographic data collected under subsection (1) of this section available to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission in the format determined by the commission under subsection (3) of this section.**

**(3) The commission shall:**

**(a) By rule establish a common format and time frame for the collection and reporting of the demographic data specified in subsection (1) of this section;**

**(b) Evaluate the degree to which public universities and community colleges are complying with the requirements set forth in subsections (1) and (2) of this section; and**

**(c) During each regular session of the Legislative Assembly, submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the committees related to higher education that:**

**(A) Sets forth the progress public universities and community colleges have made toward implementing the requirements set forth in subsections (1) and (2) of this section; and**

**(B) Summarizes the demographic data collected by the commission under this section.**

**SECTION 2. (1) Each public university listed in ORS 352.002 and community college shall permit enrolled students to use a name other than the student's legal first name on all campus records, including course and grade rosters, directory listings, unofficial transcripts and advisor lists.**

**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           **(2) To the extent that it is not prohibited by federal law, “campus records” as used in this**  
2 **section and in section 3 of this 2015 Act includes public university or community college is-**  
3 **sued:**

4           **(a) Identification cards;**

5           **(b) Official transcripts; and**

6           **(c) Diplomas.**

7           **(3) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall assist public universities listed**  
8 **in ORS 352.002 and community colleges in developing effective methods of implementing the**  
9 **preferred first name policy set forth in subsection (1) of this section.**

10           **SECTION 3.** **(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, sections 1 and 2 of**  
11 **this 2015 Act apply to all forms or campus records that are created or updated on or after**  
12 **the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

13           **(2)(a) A public university, community college or other institution of higher education is**  
14 **not required to update existing forms in order to comply with the requirements of section 1**  
15 **of this 2015 Act.**

16           **(b) A public university or community college must permit an enrolled student to update**  
17 **the student’s campus records in order to implement the preferred first name policy set forth**  
18 **in section 2 of this 2015 Act.**

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