

Enrolled Senate Bill 860

Sponsored by Senators EDWARDS, GELSER

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to university pilot programs; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall solicit applications from public universities listed in ORS 352.002 to participate in a pilot program described in subsection (2) of this section.

(b) From the public universities that submit an application under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the commission shall select one public university with less than 10,000 enrolled undergraduate students and one public university with 10,000 or more enrolled undergraduate students to participate in a pilot program described in subsection (2) of this section.

(c) The commission shall select which public universities will participate in a pilot program based on the commission's analysis of the following factors for each public university that submits an application under paragraph (a) of this subsection:

(A) The cost-effectiveness of the proposal based on the proposed number of students expected to be served; and

(B) The degree to which each university has demonstrated:

(i) A commitment to providing career services as part of its student advising processes;

(ii) The infrastructure necessary to effectively and efficiently fulfill the goals of the pilot program as set forth in subsection (2) of this section; and

(iii) The ability to use the pilot program to assist students from traditionally underserved populations.

(d) The commission shall select the two public universities that will participate in a pilot program by January 1, 2016.

(2) Each university selected by the commission under subsection (1) of this section shall use moneys appropriated under section 2 of this 2015 Act to hire additional staff comprising one full-time equivalent. The staff hired under this subsection shall design and develop a pilot program for the university that:

(a) Coordinates the opportunities for student career advising and mentorship available through the university's:

(A) Academic advising center;

(B) Career services center; and

(C) Alumni network or alumni foundations; and

(b) Establishes a method for students who participate in the pilot program to engage in these opportunities for career advising and mentorship.

(3) Each pilot program developed under subsection (2) of this section must be approved by the governing board of the university before it is implemented.

(4) The commission and the public universities selected by the commission under subsection (1) of this section shall jointly:

(a) Present a final program framework and implementation plan for the pilot programs in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the committees relating to higher education during the 2016 regular session of the Legislative Assembly; and

(b) Present a progress report on the results of the pilot programs in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the committees relating to higher education during the 2017 regular session of the Legislative Assembly.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$427,500, to be allocated to the public universities selected in section 1 (1) of this 2015 Act for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2015 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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