

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 1540

Ordered by the Senate February 9
Including Senate Amendments dated February 9

Sponsored by Senator HASS; Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, BEYER, BOQUIST, BURDICK, EDWARDS, MONROE, RILEY, ROBLAN, Representative JOHNSON (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.

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission, **in consultation with Oregon post-secondary institutions of education**, to conduct [*evaluation on providing tuition waiver for students at community colleges and public universities who are pursuing mathematics-related degrees*] **study to determine best method of increasing number of mathematics majors at Oregon universities.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to higher education tuition waiver; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in consultation with**
5 **Oregon post-secondary institutions of education, shall conduct a study to determine the best**
6 **method of increasing the number of mathematics majors at Oregon universities.**

7 **(2) The study shall:**

8 **(a) Consider various potential methodologies for reaching the goal set forth in subsection**
9 **(1) of this section, including but not limited to the State of Oregon providing financial sup-**
10 **port for tuition waivers; and**

11 **(b) Evaluate the costs and benefits to the State of Oregon in pursuing the goal set forth**
12 **in subsection (1) of this section.**

13 **(3) The commission shall submit a report on the study to the interim legislative com-**
14 **mittees on higher education no later than January 15, 2017.**

15 **SECTION 2. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect**
17 **on its passage.**

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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.