

Senate Bill 1540

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 **as introduced**.

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to conduct evaluation on providing tuition waiver for students at community colleges and public universities who are pursuing mathematics-related degrees.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to higher education tuition waiver; 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 an evaluation on providing a tuition waiver for students at community colleges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002 who are pursuing mathematics-related degrees, in which at least 80 percent of the degree credits have a significant mathematics component. The evaluation shall examine:

(a) The cost associated with establishing the tuition waiver;

(b) The potential for job creation resulting from the tuition waiver; and

(c) The feasibility of implementing the tuition waiver.

(2) The commission shall submit a report on the evaluation described in subsection (1) of this section to the interim legislative committees on higher education no later than January 15, 2017.

SECTION 2. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 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.