

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 196

Ordered by the Senate April 18
Including Senate Amendments dated April 18

Sponsored by Senator DEMBROW, Representative GORSEK; Senators FREDERICK, MONNES ANDERSON, STEINER HAYWARD, Representatives DOHERTY, HOLVEY, MCLAIN, NOSSE, PILUSO, SMITH WARNER (Presession 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.

[Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to ensure that any policy adopted by public institution of higher education for determining whether part-time faculty members are eligible for health care benefits use aggregate total of hours worked by faculty member at all public institutions of higher education.]

Provides that part-time faculty member **at public institution of higher education** who qualifies for health care benefits will pay 10 percent of insurance premiums, with remaining 90 percent paid by state.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to employees at public institutions of higher education; creating new provisions; and
3 amending ORS 350.355.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 350.355 is amended to read:

6 350.355. (1) Subject to ORS 352.237 and any group health and welfare insurance benefit plan
7 developed under ORS 352.237, a part-time faculty member at a public institution of higher education
8 is eligible for the same health care benefits as full-time faculty members if the part-time faculty
9 member is eligible for membership in the Public Employees Retirement System or another plan au-
10 thorized under ORS chapter 238 or 238A by teaching either at a single public institution of higher
11 education or in aggregate at multiple public institutions of higher education during the prior year.

12 (2) A part-time faculty member at a public institution of higher education shall pay *[all]* **10**
13 **percent of the** insurance premiums for health care benefits, **with the remaining 90 percent of the**
14 **insurance premiums paid by the state out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Educators**
15 **Benefit Board by the Legislative Assembly** *[unless otherwise provided for by the policy of the in-*
16 *stitution or by collective bargaining at the institution].*

17 **(3) The Oregon Educators Benefit Board may make rules to implement this section.**

18 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 350.355 by section 1 of this 2017 Act become oper-
19 ative and first apply to health care benefits offered to part-time faculty members on Sep-
20 tember 1, 2019.

21 **SECTION 3.** The Oregon Educators Benefit Board shall, before the operative date speci-
22 fied in section 2 of this 2017 Act, take any actions necessary to implement the amendments
23 to ORS 350.355 by section 1 of this 2017 Act on the operative date specified in section 2 of this
24 **2017 Act.**

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.

