

# House Bill 2912

Sponsored by Representative DOHERTY

## 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**.

Designates February of each year as Future Business Leaders of America Month.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Future Business Leaders of America Month; and declaring an emergency.

3       Whereas Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) is a nonprofit edu-  
4 cational entity that is the largest career student business organization in the world; and

5       Whereas in 1937 Professor Hamden L. Forkner of Columbia University developed the original  
6 concept of FBLA, envisioning a national organization that would unite the thousands of business  
7 clubs in the nation's high schools and colleges; and

8       Whereas the first FBLA chapter was chartered at Science Hill High School in Johnson City,  
9 Tennessee, in 1942; and

10       Whereas FBLA-PBL has grown to encompass hundreds of thousands of members and advisers  
11 nationwide in middle schools, high schools, colleges, universities, career and technical schools and  
12 private business schools; and

13       Whereas FBLA-PBL inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business lead-  
14 ers in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences; and

15       Whereas FBLA-PBL members perform community service activities that help chapters get in-  
16 volved in their communities and help members learn to practice responsible citizenship, to form  
17 networks with business and community leaders and to gain experience managing projects beyond the  
18 classroom; and

19       Whereas FBLA-PBL offers members a variety of programs, including competitive events, lead-  
20 ership development and recognition awards, and state and national conferences; and

21       Whereas FBLA teaches students in middle schools and high schools basic business and leader-  
22 ship principles, and PBL helps students in universities, colleges, career and technical schools and  
23 private business schools to make the transition from school to work; and

24       Whereas every three minutes a student becomes a member of FBLA-PBL and more than 250,000  
25 members join each year, resulting in an alumni network of more than 15 million graduates; and

26       Whereas thousands of Oregon students belong to FBLA-PBL and there are chapters in every  
27 part of the state; and

28       Whereas FBLA-PBL enhances the educational experience of many students in Oregon and pre-  
29 pares them to become leaders who will enrich our communities, state and nation in countless ways;  
30 and

31       Whereas FBLA-PBL deserves to be recognized for its vital role in shaping the future leaders

**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 on whom our economy and society will depend; now, therefore,

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

3 **SECTION 1. February of each year is designated as Future Business Leaders of America**  
4 **Month.**

5 **SECTION 2. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
6 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**  
7 **on its passage.**

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