

# Senate Bill 247

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## 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**.

Establishes Oregon Scholars Pilot Program at Klamath Community College. Directs Oregon Student Assistance Commission to transfer unused moneys appropriated or allocated for Oregon Opportunity Grant program to community college for pilot program.

Directs State Board of Higher Education to expand Access and Affordability Working Group. Directs working group to study and make recommendations about statewide expansion of pilot program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to Oregon Scholars Pilot Program; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) During the 2007-2009 biennium, the State Board of Higher Education shall**  
5 **expand the Access and Affordability Working Group established by the board by appointing**  
6 **additional members so that the working group has:**

7 (a) **A member of the Oregon Student Assistance Commission;**

8 (b) **A member of the State Workforce Investment Board who represents labor;**

9 (c) **A member of the State Workforce Investment Board who represents management;**

10 (d) **A member who represents the Oregon School Boards Association or the Confeder-**  
11 **ation of Oregon School Administrators;**

12 (e) **A member who represents the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce**  
13 **Development;**

14 (f) **A member who represents the Department of Education;**

15 (g) **A member from the Governor's education policy team;**

16 (h) **A member who represents the Associated Oregon Industries; and**

17 (i) **Two members who are community college presidents.**

18 (2) **In addition to the members of the working group appointed by the board under sub-**  
19 **section (1) of this section, the following members shall be appointed as nonvoting advisory**  
20 **members:**

21 (a) **A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and**

22 (b) **A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House**  
23 **of Representatives.**

24 (3) **The working group shall study and make recommendations concerning the statewide**  
25 **expansion of the Oregon Scholars Pilot Program established under section 2 of this 2007 Act.**  
26 **The working group shall assist Klamath Community College in implementing the pilot pro-**  
27 **gram.**

28 (4) **Prior to September 1, 2008, the working group shall report to the legislative interim**

**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 committees on education. The report shall include recommendations for legislation to expand  
2 the Oregon Scholars Pilot Program. Prior to February 1, 2009, the working group shall report  
3 to the Legislative Assembly about the expansion of the pilot program.

4 **SECTION 2.** (1) There is established the Oregon Scholars Pilot Program. Klamath Com-  
5 munity College shall administer the pilot program.

6 (2) The purpose of the pilot program is to reimburse qualified investors who invest in  
7 qualified students by paying for the students' tuition.

8 (3) A student must meet the following requirements to qualify for the pilot program:

9 (a) Be a United States citizen and an Oregon resident and reside within the boundaries  
10 of the Klamath Community College Service District; and

11 (b)(A) Complete a one-year certificate program at a community college in two years or  
12 less;

13 (B) Complete an associate degree at a community college in four years or less;

14 (C) Complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less; or

15 (D) Be a full-time employee and complete a bachelor's degree within four years after  
16 completing an associate degree.

17 (4) To qualify for the pilot program, an investor must make tuition payments to Klamath  
18 Community College or the Oregon Institute of Technology for the tuition of a qualified stu-  
19 dent.

20 (5) After a qualified student completes a certificate program or a degree program,  
21 Klamath Community College shall reimburse the investor for the amount of tuition paid to  
22 Klamath Community College or the Oregon Institute of Technology on behalf of the student.

23 (6) Klamath Community College shall work with the Access and Affordability Working  
24 Group described in section 1 of this 2007 Act. The community college shall report to the  
25 working group about the operation of the pilot program and any unintended consequences  
26 of the pilot program.

27 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any other law appropriating moneys, the Oregon Student  
28 Assistance Commission shall transfer, on June 30, 2009, to Klamath Community College, any  
29 moneys appropriated or allocated for the 2007-2009 biennium to the commission for the  
30 Oregon Opportunity Grant program that the commission has not expended prior to June 30,  
31 2009. The community college shall use any moneys received under this section for the Oregon  
32 Scholars Pilot Program.

33 **SECTION 4.** The Oregon Scholars Pilot Program shall first apply to students who attend  
34 Klamath Community College or the Oregon Institute of Technology during the 2008-2009 ac-  
35 ademic year.

36 **SECTION 5.** Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on June 30, 2013.

37 **SECTION 6.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
38 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect  
39 on its passage.

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