HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO B-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 334

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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- On page 1 of the printed B-engrossed bill, line 2, delete "and".
- In line 3, after "411.894" insert "; and declaring an emergency".
- 3 After line 3, insert:

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- "Whereas current recipients of Oregon Opportunity Grants should not be harmed by the implementation of the changes by this 2007 Act to the methodology of calculating the grants; and
- "Whereas those students with the greatest financial need should be the highest priority for receiving an Oregon Opportunity Grant; and
 - "Whereas the number of students who receive Oregon Opportunity Grants should be expanded to reach more students in families in the low-middle income range; and
- "Whereas there should not be a cut-off date for applying to the Oregon Student Assistance Commission for an Oregon Opportunity Grant; now, therefore,".
 - On page 3, line 22, delete "may" and insert "shall".
- In line 23, after the period insert "If the commission must reduce the amount of the state share under this paragraph, the commission may not reduce the amount of the state share awarded to students in the low income range in a greater proportion than the amount that the state share for students in other income ranges is reduced.".
- In line 41, after the period insert "The commission may prescribe a specific date by which a student must apply to the commission to qualify for a grant only if the commission determines that the total amount available to award as the state share to all qualified students is not sufficient to cover the total state share amount scheduled to be awarded to all students."
 - On page 5, delete lines 23 through 38 and insert:
- "SECTION 7. (1) The amendments to ORS 348.180, 348.183, 348.205 and 348.260 by sections 1 to 4 of this 2007 Act apply to qualified students who:
- "(a) Attend an eligible post-secondary institution for the first time on or after July 1, 2008.
- "(b) Did not continuously attend an eligible post-secondary institution prior to the 2008-2009 academic year.
 - "(c) Attend an eligible post-secondary institution on or after July 1, 2011.
- "(2)(a) A qualified student who continuously attends an eligible post-secondary institution as at least a half-time student and attended that eligible post-secondary institution during the 2007-2008 academic year shall receive student assistance for the 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years based on whichever of the following would grant the student the greater amount of student assistance:
- "(A) ORS 348.180, 348.205 and 348.260 as set forth in the 2005 Edition of Oregon Revised Statutes; or

- 1 "(B) ORS 348.180, 348.183, 348.205 and 348.260, as amended by sections 1 to 4 of this 2007 Act.
 - "(b) A qualified student who continuously attends one or more eligible post-secondary institutions as at least a half-time student and attended more than one of those eligible post-secondary institutions during the 2007-2008 academic year shall receive student assistance for the 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years based on whichever of the following would grant the student the greater amount of student assistance:
 - "(A) ORS 348.180, 348.205 and 348.260, as set forth in the 2005 Edition of Oregon Revised Statutes; or
- 10 "(B) ORS 348.180, 348.183, 348.205 and 348.260, as amended by sections 1 to 4 of this 2007
 11 Act.
- 12 "(c) This subsection applies only to students who remain qualified as defined by rule of 13 the Oregon Student Assistance Commission.
 - "SECTION 8. (1) The Oregon Student Assistance Commission shall establish a Shared Responsibility Steering Committee to provide advice to the commission on the implementation of the changes to the Oregon Opportunity Grant program by the amendments to ORS 348.180, 348.183, 348.205 and 348.260 by sections 1 to 4 of this 2007 Act. The committee shall consist of 12 members appointed as follows:
- 19 "(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among the members of the Senate.
- 21 "(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among 22 the members of the House of Representatives.
 - "(c) The commission shall appoint representatives of the following:
 - "(A) Oregon Independent Colleges Association;
- 25 "(B) Oregon Student Association;

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- 26 "(C) A financial aid professional who is employed by a state institution of higher educa-27 tion within the Oregon University System;
 - "(D) A financial aid professional who is employed by a community college; and
- 29 "(E) A financial aid professional who is employed by a private institution of higher edu-30 cation.
- 31 "(d) The Governor shall appoint a representative of the Office of the Governor.
- "(e) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall appoint a representative of the Budget and Management Division.
 - "(f) The Chancellor of the Oregon University System shall appoint a representative.
 - "(g) The Commissioner for Community College Services shall appoint a representative of the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development.
- "(h) The president of the Oregon Health and Science University shall appoint a representative of the university.
 - "(2) The committee shall:
- "(a) Analyze the risks involved in implementing the amendments to ORS 348.180, 348.183, 348.205 and 348.260 by sections 1 to 4 of this 2007 Act;
- 42 "(b) Make recommendations to the commission on strategies for prevention and miti-43 gation of those risks;
- 44 "(c) Make recommendations to the commission on the management of moneys available 45 to be awarded as Oregon Opportunity Grants; and

- 1 "(d) Review and make recommendations on the implementation methodology and time-2 table for:
 - "(A) The system for awarding grants;

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- "(B) The adoption of rules necessary for implementation of the changes; and
- "(C) Communication outreach about changes to the grant program.
- "(3) A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- "(4) Official action by the committee requires the approval of a majority of the members of the committee.
 - "(5) The committee shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
- "(6) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.
- "(7) The committee shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task force.
 - "(8) The committee may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
 - "(9) The commission shall provide staff support to the committee.
- "(10) Members of the committee who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for actual and necessary travel and other expenses from the commission.
- "(11) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, and the Oregon Health and Science University are directed to assist the committee in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the committee consider necessary to perform their duties.
 - "SECTION 9. Section 8 of this 2007 Act is repealed on January 2, 2012.
- "SECTION 10. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect July 1, 2007.".

31 **July 1, 2007.**". 32 ______