

Senate Bill 448

Sponsored by Senator DECKERT

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 State Board of Higher Education to review long-term viability of state institutions of higher education and to report detailed findings of review to Governor and Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2009.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to higher education; 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 **review the long-term viability of the state institutions of higher education listed in ORS**
6 **352.002. The board shall study the distribution of the various funding sources for the insti-**
7 **tutions, including state funds, student tuition and fees, federal grants and revenue from**
8 **endowments and enterprises. The review shall also include an examination for each insti-**
9 **tution that includes, but is not limited to, an examination of:**

10 (a) **The mission statement;**

11 (b) **The budget, income and expenditures;**

12 (c) **The number of faculty and staff members and the average salaries or pay rates;**

13 (d) **The rate of faculty and staff turnover;**

14 (e) **The education and training of faculty members;**

15 (f) **All academic programs offered by the institution, including but not limited to:**

16 (A) **Student enrollment and program completion;**

17 (B) **Resources available to support each program;**

18 (C) **The relation of each program to the institution's mission; and**

19 (D) **The economic, civic and cultural contributions of the institution's programs to**
20 **Oregon;**

21 (g) **Current and projected enrollment through 2017; and**

22 (h) **Tuition increases over the past 10 years and whether the increases have affected en-**
23 **rollment.**

24 (2) **As a part of its long-term planning efforts, the board shall issue a report to the**
25 **Governor and the Legislative Assembly detailing the findings of the review under subsection**
26 **(1) of this section no later than February 1, 2009. The report shall include, but not be limited**
27 **to, findings about and recommendations and implementation plans for ensuring the long-**
28 **term financial and academic sustainability of each institution.**

29 **SECTION 2. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
30 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**

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 **July 1, 2007.**

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