

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2508

STATUS: A Engrossed

SUBJECT: Waiving the fees of graduate students who are also teachers of employees of an institution of higher education

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Higher Education

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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
REVENUES:		
Tuition and Fees – Other Funds Limited	\$ (3,349,262)	\$ (4,379,292)

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: The measure requires a state institution of higher education to include all universal and program specific resource fees as part of tuition costs for a graduate student who is also a teacher or employee of the institution attending the institution for the purpose of receiving a graduate degree.

Currently, the population of graduate students who are also teachers or employees of an institution of higher education totals 3,060 students. The measure would require institutions to waive all universal and program specific resource fees. On average the difference would be \$795.50 per student per biennium; however the fees vary by institution and by fee type. The programmatic fee is assessed based on which program the student is enrolled in. The universal resource fee covers an energy, technology, and registration fee and this typically ranges from \$66-\$630 per biennium. The Department of Higher Education anticipates a loss of revenue totaling \$3,349,262 for the 2009-11 biennium and assuming an annual tuition increase of 3% at current rates and assuming additional students do not enroll who will qualify for the fee waiver, the amount waived in 2011-2013 would total \$4,379,292.