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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.

[Exempts certain post-secondary schools from degree requirements of Office of Degree Authorization if school accredited by accreditor approved by office. Establishes procedure by which accreditor becomes approved by office.]

Limits exemption of certain post-secondary schools and separately accredited campuses from degree requirements of Office of Degree Authorization to nonprofit schools.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to accreditation of post-secondary schools; amending ORS 348.597.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 348.597 is amended to read:

5 348.597. (1) **Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, ORS 348.594 to 348.615**
6 **apply to all schools that operate in this state.**

7 (2) ORS 348.594 to 348.615 do not apply to:

8 [(1)] (a) An Oregon community college;

9 [(2)] (b) A state institution of higher education within the Oregon University System;

10 [(3)] (c) The Oregon Health and Science University;

11 [(4) *A school that has conferred degrees under the same control for five years in Oregon from at*
12 *least one operationally separate unit accredited as a separate institution by a regional accrediting as-*
13 *sociation or its national successor;]*

14 (d) **A school, or a separately accredited campus of a school, if the school:**

15 (A) **Is a nonprofit school that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3)**
16 **of the Internal Revenue Code;**

17 (B) **Conferred degrees in this state under the same control for at least five consecutive**
18 **years; and**

19 (C) **Is accredited by a regional accrediting association or its national successor;**

20 [(5)] (e) A school that, on the date preceding July 15, 2005, was a school described in ORS
21 348.594 (2)(d); or

22 [(6)] (f) A school that is exempt from ORS 348.594 to 348.615 under ORS 348.604.
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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.