

House Bill 3702

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

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**.

Allows Oregon Student Assistance Commission to determine when to give priority to applicants who are or plan to be full-time students when commission awards Oregon Opportunity Grants and scholastic grants.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to eligibility of students for grants awarded by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission;
3 amending ORS 348.250; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 348.250 is amended to read:

6 348.250. (1) Grants established under ORS 348.230 and 348.260 shall be awarded by the Oregon
7 Student Assistance Commission in the manner provided in this section.

8 (2) Persons interested in obtaining a grant established under ORS 348.230 and 348.260 may apply
9 to the commission for a grant.

10 (3) The commission shall screen or cause to be screened the applications and shall determine for
11 each available grant the person best qualified to receive that grant. A qualified applicant is eligible
12 to receive a grant established under ORS 348.230 and 348.260 if:

13 (a) The applicant's financial need is such that in the opinion of the commission financial aid is
14 warranted; and

15 (b) The applicant plans to be a student at the eligible post-secondary institution where the grant
16 is to be used.

17 (4) The commission shall not discriminate for or against any applicant for a grant.

18 (5) Nothing in ORS 348.210 to 348.260, 348.505 to 348.615, 348.696 and 348.992 shall be construed
19 to require any institution to admit a grant recipient or to attempt to control or influence the poli-
20 cies of the institution.

21 (6) Whenever funds are not available to award grants to all qualified students, the commission
22 [*shall*] **may** give priority to applicants who are or plan to be full-time students at the eligible post-
23 secondary institution where the grant is to be used. A student shall be considered to be a full-time
24 student if the combination of credit hours at more than one eligible post-secondary institution equals
25 full-time attendance, according to the institution disbursing the grant funds.

26 (7) As used in this section, "discriminate" has the meaning given "discrimination" in ORS
27 659.850.

28 **SECTION 2.** **This 2010 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
29 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2010 Act takes effect**
30 **on its passage.**

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.

