

# House Bill 2116

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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 **as introduced**.

Allows Oregon Student Assistance Commission to include loans in calculation of student share when awarding Oregon Opportunity Grant to student attending community college.

Extends sunset date for commission's Shared Responsibility Steering Committee to January 2, 2016.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to Oregon Opportunity Grants; amending ORS 348.205 and section 9, chapter 802, Oregon  
3 Laws 2007.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 348.205 is amended to read:

6 348.205. (1) The Oregon Opportunity Grant program is established within the Oregon Student  
7 Assistance Commission.

8 (2) Under the program, the cost of education of a qualified student shall be shared by the stu-  
9 dent, the family of the student, the federal government and the state.

10 (3) The commission shall determine the cost of education of a qualified student based on the type  
11 of eligible post-secondary institution the student is attending. The cost of education equals:

12 (a) For a student attending a community college, the average cost of education of attending a  
13 community college in this state;

14 (b) For a student attending an institution under the direction of the State Board of Higher Ed-  
15 ucation, the average cost of education of attending an institution under the direction of the board;

16 (c) For a student attending a two-year Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institu-  
17 tion of higher education, the average cost of education of attending a community college in this  
18 state; and

19 (d) For a student attending the Oregon Health and Science University or a four-year Oregon-  
20 based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher education, the average cost of edu-  
21 cation of attending an institution under the direction of the board.

22 (4)(a) The commission shall determine the amount of the student share. The student share shall  
23 be based on:

24 (A) The type of eligible post-secondary institution the student is attending;

25 (B) The number of hours of work that the commission determines may be reasonably expected  
26 from the student; and

27 (C) The amount of loans that the commission determines would constitute a manageable debt  
28 burden for the student.

29 (b) The student shall determine how to cover the student share through income from work,  
30 loans, savings and scholarships.

**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        *[(c) The student share for a student who attends a community college may not exceed the amount*  
2 *that the commission determines a student may earn based on the number of hours of work reasonably*  
3 *expected from the student under paragraph (a) of this subsection.]*

4        *[(d) The student share for a student who attends an eligible post-secondary institution that is not*  
5 *a community college may not exceed the sum of the amount that the commission determines a student*  
6 *may receive as loans plus the amount a student may earn based on the number of hours of work rea-*  
7 *sonably expected from the student under paragraph (a) of this subsection.]*

8        (5) The commission shall determine the amount of the family share. The family share shall be  
9 based on the resources of the family.

10        (6) The commission shall determine the amount of the federal share based on how much the  
11 student or the student's family is expected to receive from the federal government as grants, loans,  
12 tax credits or other student assistance.

13        (7)(a) The commission shall determine the amount of the state share. The state share shall be  
14 equal to the cost of education reduced by the student share, family share and amount received by  
15 the student from the federal government.

16        (b) The commission shall establish a minimum amount that a student may receive as a state  
17 share. If the commission determines that the amount of the state share of a student is below the  
18 minimum amount, the student may not receive the state share.

19        (c) In determining the amount of the state share, the commission shall consider the total amount  
20 available to award as grants to all qualified students. If the commission must reduce the amount of  
21 the state share under this paragraph, the commission may not reduce the amount of the state share  
22 awarded to students in the low income range in a greater proportion than the amount that the state  
23 share for students in other income ranges is reduced.

24        **SECTION 2.** Section 9, chapter 802, Oregon Laws 2007, is amended to read:

25        **Sec. 9.** Section 8, **chapter 802, Oregon Laws 2007**, *[of this 2007 Act]* is repealed on January  
26 2, **[2012] 2016**.