

House Bill 3627

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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**.

Authorizes State Treasurer to issue lottery bonds to assist in financing acquisition or construction of graduate studies facility for Oregon State University Cascades Campus. Authorizes use of net proceeds of lottery bonds after Oregon University System certifies availability of funds to match proceeds to State Treasurer and Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

Establishes Oregon State University Cascades Campus Graduate Facility Fund. Appropriates moneys in fund to Oregon University System.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to graduate facilities at Oregon State University Cascades Campus; appropriating money;
3 and declaring an emergency.

4 Whereas Oregon State University Cascades Campus is an important component in efforts to
5 foster a diverse and thriving economy in central Oregon; and

6 Whereas Oregon State University Cascades Campus will contribute approximately \$1.3 million
7 toward the purchase of a building to house graduate programs at the campus; and

8 Whereas Oregon State University Cascades Campus will reduce expenses by approximately
9 \$164,524 per year by avoiding the cost of leasing a facility to meet its office and classroom needs;
10 and

11 Whereas Bend Research, a pharmaceutical and research company, has discussed locating testing
12 equipment for use by students of the Oregon State University Cascades Campus; and

13 Whereas Governor Kitzhaber has implemented the concept of regional solutions centers to de-
14 liver community-based projects and local jobs, and the Oregon State University Cascades Campus
15 graduate studies facility is expected to house a regional solutions center; and

16 Whereas the unemployment rate for the area around the Oregon State University Cascades
17 Campus ranges from 14 to 17 percent; and

18 Whereas the Oregon State University Cascades Campus has an immediate need for more class-
19 rooms, more offices and more space to serve a rising student enrollment, and the university can
20 accommodate the need by the fall semester of 2011 by purchasing a facility; now, therefore,

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

22 **SECTION 1. (1) At the request of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, in**
23 **consultation with the Oregon University System, the State Treasurer may issue lottery**
24 **bonds pursuant to ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, in an**
25 **amount not to exceed net proceeds of \$2 million for the purpose described in subsection (2)**
26 **of this section, plus an additional amount, to be estimated by the State Treasurer, for pay-**
27 **ment of bond-related costs.**

28 **(2) Net proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section must be deposited in the Oregon**

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 State University Cascades Campus Graduate Facility Fund established in section 3 of this
2 2011 Act to match local funds, on a one-to-one basis, to finance the planning, acquisition,
3 construction or equipping of a graduate studies facility for the Oregon State University
4 Cascades Campus.

5 (3) Bond-related costs for the lottery bonds authorized by this section must be paid from
6 the gross proceeds of the lottery bonds and from allocations for the purposes of ORS
7 286A.576 (1)(c).

8 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Assembly finds that:

9 (1) Education and job training are essential to economic development and the creation
10 of employment opportunities in central Oregon.

11 (2) A well-educated workforce is one of the factors that employers consider when identi-
12 fying the location of new industrial and commercial facilities.

13 (3) The factors described in this section will encourage and promote job creation and
14 economic development within the State of Oregon, and issuance of lottery bonds to finance
15 the planning, acquisition, construction or equipping of a graduate studies facility for the
16 Oregon State University Cascades Campus is therefore an appropriate use of state lottery
17 funds under section 4, Article XV of the Oregon Constitution, and ORS 461.510.

18 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Oregon State University Cascades Campus Graduate Facility Fund
19 is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest
20 earned on moneys in the Oregon State University Cascades Campus Graduate Facility Fund
21 shall be credited to the fund. The fund consists of moneys deposited in the fund under section
22 1 of this 2011 Act, and may include fees, revenues, other income deposited in the fund by the
23 Legislative Assembly or matching funds dedicated to financing the graduate studies facility.
24 Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon University System for the
25 purposes described in subsection (2) of this section.

26 (2) Moneys in the fund may be used to:

27 (a) Finance the planning, acquisition, construction or equipping of a graduate studies
28 facility on the grounds of the Oregon State University Cascades Campus.

29 (b) Pay the costs of the system to administer the fund.

30 (c) Pay bond-related costs, as defined in ORS 286A.560.

31 (3) The State Treasurer may deposit the net proceeds of the lottery bonds issued pursu-
32 ant to section 1 of this 2011 Act in the fund only after the Oregon University System certifies
33 to the State Treasurer and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services in writing
34 that the system has all the funds necessary to match net proceeds of lottery bonds issued
35 pursuant to section 1 of this 2011 Act.

36 **SECTION 4.** This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
37 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
38 on its passage.