



College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
COMP-Northwest



Adopt the -10 Amendments to HB 3472

- Help alleviate rural Oregon's primary care shortage
- Retain Oregon's homegrown health professionals after graduation
- Provide more opportunities for Oregonians pursuing a career in primary care.
- The amendment does not affect current language in HB 3472 – this is rider amendment

The proposed -10 amendment to HB 3472 is modeled after SB 2, which would create an exclusive OHSU (full ride) scholarship fund for prospective health care professionals (Oregonians only). Similar to SB 2, the -10 amendment requires students to sign a service agreement stating that they will practice in rural and underserved communities of Oregon immediately upon graduation, for as many years as they received the scholarship plus one.

While the -10 amendment to HB 3472 closely resembles SB 2, there are notable differences between the two concepts:

- 1) The -10 amendment would allow any student enrolled in an accredited MD, DO, Nursing, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, or Nurse Anesthetist program at one of Oregon's public or private non-profit medical schools to access the fund, which would be administered by the Oregon Student Access Commission.
- 2) The -10 amendment includes Registered Nurses in addition to the list of other medical professions listed in SB 2, which includes MDs, DOs, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Anesthetists.
- 3) The -10 amendment creates side boards that would ensure a significant portion of the scholarship funds go to students studying to become primary care providers.

We believe both the -10 amendments to HB 3472 and SB 2 will help attract Oregon's best and brightest minds pursuing degrees in the medical profession to rural and underserved areas of the state. However, the -10 amendments offer the legislature the opportunity to start a program that would be more inclusive to students attending various schools across the state.

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About COMP-Northwest

Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Northwest (COMP-Northwest) is the state's only osteopathic medical school. Located in Lebanon, Oregon, our emphasis is on training students "From the Northwest, In the Northwest, For the Northwest." Approximately 60% of osteopathic physicians enter primary care specialties. Our students will help fulfill the needs of medical care for rural Oregon. COMP-Northwest is a fully accredited four-year osteopathic medical school that sat its inaugural class in 2011. More information on COMP-Northwest can be found at www.westernu.edu/northwest.