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SUMMARY

Requires each institution of higher education to establish recognized student government.

Allows student government to impose student fee on student body member, subject to approval from institution president.

Requires institution and student government to establish mediation and arbitration procedures if agreement on student fees is not reached.

Becomes operative on January 1, 2014.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to higher education student government; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section “institution of higher edu-**
6 **cation” means a public university listed in ORS 352.002, a community**
7 **college as defined in ORS 341.005 or Oregon Health and Science Uni-**
8 **versity.**

9 **(2) Each institution of higher education shall establish a recognized**
10 **student government whose representatives are elected by the student**
11 **body of each institution.**

12 **(3) Each recognized student government shall establish, in consul-**
13 **tation with the administration of the applicable institution of higher**
14 **education:**

15 **(a) An election process to select student government represen-**
16 **tatives from among members of the student body; and**

17 **(b) A process to develop and update bylaws and other governing**

1 **documents of the student government.**

2 **(4) Each recognized student government shall have the right to**
3 **impose a fee on all members of the student body. Before imposing a**
4 **student fee under this subsection, a student government shall:**

5 **(a) Create a formal process to determine the amount of the fee to**
6 **be imposed;**

7 **(b) Create a formal process to determine how moneys collected in**
8 **student fees under this subsection will be allocated; and**

9 **(c) Develop a timeline for when in the academic year the student**
10 **fee will be collected and allocated.**

11 **(5) In establishing a process to determine how to allocate fees under**
12 **subsection (4) of this section, the recognized student government shall**
13 **ensure that:**

14 **(a) Only members of the applicable student body are involved in**
15 **determining how a student fee is allocated; and**

16 **(b) Any fee-paying member of the applicable student body is able**
17 **to make a suggestion to the student government on how the fee will**
18 **be allocated.**

19 **(6) The recognized student government shall ensure that any**
20 **timeline developed under subsection (4) of this section conforms to the**
21 **budgetary deadlines of:**

22 **(a) The applicable institution of higher education; and**

23 **(b) The Legislative Assembly.**

24 **(7) Before a decision by a recognized student government to impose**
25 **a student fee under subsection (4) of this section is implemented, the**
26 **decision shall be submitted to the president of the applicable institu-**
27 **tion of higher education. The president shall have the ability to either**
28 **approve or veto the total dollar amount of the student fee in its en-**
29 **tirety. If the president and student government are unable to reach**
30 **agreement on whether a student fee should be imposed, or on the**
31 **amount of student fee to be imposed, the dispute shall be submitted**

1 to mediation, and if mediation is not successful, to arbitration.

2 (8) Each institution of higher education, in consultation with the
3 recognized student government at that institution, shall adopt rules
4 to establish mediation and arbitration procedures for disputes arising
5 under this section.

6 SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2013 Act becomes operative on
7 January 1, 2014.

8 (2) An institution of higher education, as defined in section 1 of this
9 2013 Act, may take any action necessary before the operative date
10 specified in subsection (1) of this section to enable the institution to
11 exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of
12 this section, all the duties, functions and powers conferred on the in-
13 stitution by section 1 of this 2013 Act.

14 SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-
15 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-
16 clared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.

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