

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 2979**

Sponsored by Representatives DEMBROW, JOHNSON; Representative WHISNANT

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to higher education courses; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall convene a work group to examine and recommend adoption of strategies to facilitate student transfers between public colleges and universities in Oregon.**

**(2) The work group shall:**

**(a) Identify strategies to establish a common course numbering system for lower-division undergraduate courses; and**

**(b) Recommend implementation strategies and, through the State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Education, recommend how community colleges and institutions of higher education may implement the strategies.**

**(3) The work group shall solicit significant participation in its analysis from:**

**(a) The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development; and**

**(b) The Oregon University System.**

**(4) The work group shall report to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. Upon receiving the work group's recommendations, the commission shall consider the recommendations and prepare a final report. The commission shall forward the final report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter authority over higher education before December 1, 2013.**

**(5) The final report must identify any strategies that require rule adoption by the State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Education, and any strategies that require additional legislation.**

**(6) The work group may accept technical assistance from any source in preparing its recommendations.**

**SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2014 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.**

**SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**Passed by House April 3, 2013**

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Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

**Passed by Senate May 7, 2013**

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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