

House Bill 2979

Sponsored by Representatives DEMBROW, JOHNSON

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**.

Establishes work group to study how to establish common course numbering system for lower-division undergraduate courses in Oregon public colleges and universities.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to higher education courses; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

10 **(b) Recommend implementation strategies and, through the State Board of Higher Edu-**
11 **cation and the State Board of Education, recommend how community colleges and insti-**
12 **tutions of higher education may implement the strategies.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2014**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

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

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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.