

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 2

Ordered by the Senate June 14
Including Senate Amendments dated June 14

Sponsored by Senators COURTNEY, HANSELL, Representatives WILLIAMSON, MCKEOWN, SPRENGER

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.

Establishes Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative to provide free tuition and fees for certain students in health care disciplines in exchange for student commitment to work in underrepresented locations after graduation.

Appropriates moneys to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for Oregon Health and Science University for purposes of initiative.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to Oregon Health and Science University health care scholarships; and appropriating
3 money.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

6 (a) **“Designated service site” means a rural health clinic as defined in 42 U.S.C.**
7 **1395x(aa)(2), a rural critical access hospital as defined in ORS 315.613, a federally qualified**
8 **health center as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(l)(2) or any geographic area, population group or**
9 **facility that is located in Oregon and has been designated by the Health Resources and Ser-**
10 **vices Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services as a**
11 **health professional shortage area, a medically underserved area or a medically underserved**
12 **population.**

13 (b) **“Health care practitioner” means a:**

14 (A) **Physician licensed under ORS chapter 677;**

15 (B) **Dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679;**

16 (C) **Nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390;**

17 (D) **Physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525; or**

18 (E) **Certified registered nurse anesthetist licensed under ORS chapter 678.**

19 (c) **“Participant” means a person who has been selected by the Oregon Health and Sci-**
20 **ence University to receive a scholarship under subsection (5) of this section.**

21 (d) **“Prospective health care practitioner” means a person who has been accepted into,**
22 **but has not yet started, a health care program at the Oregon Health and Science University**
23 **that meets the educational requirements for licensure as a physician, dentist, nurse practi-**
24 **tioner, physician assistant or certified registered nurse anesthetist.**

25 (e) **“Service agreement” means the agreement executed by a prospective health care**
26 **practitioner under subsection (3) of this section.**

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 (2) There is created the Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative, to be administered by
2 the Oregon Health and Science University pursuant to rules adopted by the university.

3 (3) A prospective health care practitioner who wishes to participate in the initiative shall
4 submit an application to the Oregon Health and Science University in accordance with rules
5 adopted by the university. To be eligible to be a participant in the initiative, a prospective
6 health care practitioner must:

7 (a) Have been accepted into, but not yet started, the first year of the prospective health
8 care practitioner's health care education at the Oregon Health and Science University;

9 (b) Be considered a resident of Oregon under the university's admission guidelines;

10 (c) Execute a service agreement stating that:

11 (A) Immediately upon the prospective health care practitioner's completion of the health
12 care education degree, residency or training, as established for each degree by the Oregon
13 Health and Science University by rule, the participant will practice as a health care practi-
14 tioner in a designated service site in this state approved by the university for one year longer
15 than the number of years the participant spent in the health care program for which the
16 participant received a scholarship; and

17 (B) While practicing as a health care practitioner in a designated service site, the par-
18 ticipant must see all patients, regardless of any patient's ability to pay for services; and

19 (d) Meet other requirements established by the university by rule.

20 (4) The Oregon Health and Science University may select participants from among the
21 prospective health care practitioners who submit applications as provided in subsection (3)
22 of this section. The university shall give preference to prospective health care practitioners
23 who are:

24 (a) Individuals admitted to the Oregon Health and Science University as a student from
25 rural heritage, as defined by the university's admission policy;

26 (b) First generation college students; or

27 (c) Individuals from a diverse or underrepresented community.

28 (5) The Oregon Health and Science University shall provide a scholarship covering the
29 entire cost of tuition and fees for the participant's health care education at the university.

30 (6) A participant receiving a scholarship under subsection (5) of this section who fails to
31 complete the terms of the service agreement shall repay the amount received plus an addi-
32 tional penalty of 25 percent of the amount received to the Oregon Health and Science Uni-
33 versity. The total amount to be paid to the university under this subsection shall be reduced
34 for every full year that the participant complied with the service agreement on a pro rata
35 basis, as computed by the total number of years agreed to in the service agreement.

36 (7) A participant receiving a scholarship under subsection (5) of this section who fails to
37 complete the health care degree for which the scholarship was awarded shall repay the
38 amount received to the Oregon Health and Science University.

39 (8) In the event that a participant is required to repay the Oregon Health and Science
40 University under subsection (6) or (7) of this section, the university may:

41 (a) Collect any amounts due;

42 (b) Have any amounts due be collected by the Collections Unit in the Department of Re-
43 venue under ORS 293.250; or

44 (c) Contract with a collections agency to collect any amounts due.

45 (9) Any moneys received or collected by the Oregon Health and Science University under

1 subsections (6) to (8) of this section shall be deposited into a separate fund held by the uni-
2 versity for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section. The university may not
3 use the moneys in these funds for any other purpose.

4 (10) The Oregon Health and Science University may accept funds from any public or
5 private source for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section.

6 (11) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the Oregon Health and Sci-
7 ence University shall report to the Legislative Assembly on the status of the Scholars for a
8 Healthy Oregon Initiative. The report shall include, for the previous biennium:

9 (a) The total number of active participants in the initiative; and

10 (b) A breakdown of active participants in the initiative by health care practitioner cate-
11 gory.

12 **SECTION 2.** (1) Section 1 of this 2013 Act first applies to scholarship moneys expended
13 on or after June 30, 2014.

14 (2) The first report required under section 1 (11) of this 2013 Act is due on December 1,
15 2014.

16 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
17 ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July
18 1, 2013, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,500,000 for the Oregon Health and Science
19 University for the purpose of administering the Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative
20 created in section 1 of this 2013 Act.

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