

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2970**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 31 and delete page  
2 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 341.430, as amended by section 11, chapter 104, Oregon  
4 Laws 2012, is amended to read:

5 “341.430. (1) As used in this section:

6 “(a) ‘Associate transfer degree’ means an associate degree that is awarded  
7 by a community college and that is intended to allow a student to apply the  
8 credits earned for the degree toward a baccalaureate degree.

9 “(b) ‘Community college’ means a community college operated under ORS  
10 chapter 341.

11 “(c) ‘State institution of higher education’ means a state institution of  
12 higher education listed in ORS 352.002.

13 “(d) ‘Transfer program’ means a one-year program that is designed to al-  
14 low a student to apply the credits earned through the program toward a  
15 baccalaureate degree.

16 “(2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall develop stan-  
17 dards related to the ability of students to apply credits earned through  
18 courses of study at community colleges to baccalaureate degrees awarded by  
19 state institutions of higher education. The standards shall be known as the  
20 ‘Transfer Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.’

21 “(3) The standards developed under this section [*may*] **must** include:

22 “(a) Admission standards to state institutions of higher education for

1 students who have earned an associate transfer degree.

2 “(b) [*The maximum*] **Processes to minimize the** number of credits that  
3 students who have earned an associate transfer degree would need to com-  
4 plete prior to receiving various types of baccalaureate degrees at state in-  
5 stitutions of higher education.

6 “(c) [*The maximum*] **Processes to minimize the** number of credits that  
7 students who have completed a transfer program would need to complete  
8 prior to receiving various types of baccalaureate degrees at state institutions  
9 of higher education.

10 “(d) [*A process*] **Processes** by which a community college would award  
11 an associate degree to a student upon completion of necessary credits, re-  
12 gardless of whether the student applied to receive the degree or whether the  
13 student earned the credits for the degree at a community college or a state  
14 institution of higher education.

15 “(e) **Processes to evaluate and make recommendations for the de-**  
16 **velopment of associate transfer degrees in specific areas of study, in-**  
17 **cluding engineering.**

18 “[*e*] (f) Any other issues identified by the Higher Education Coordinat-  
19 ing Commission that relate to courses of study at community colleges and  
20 the ability of a student to transfer credits to a community college or a state  
21 institution of higher education, to be admitted to a state institution of higher  
22 education or to earn a degree at a community college or a state institution  
23 of higher education.

24 “[*f*] (g) Requirements that students must meet in order to benefit from  
25 the standards described in paragraphs (a) to [*e*] (f) of this subsection.

26 “(4) Each community college and state institution of higher education  
27 shall submit annual reports to the Higher Education Coordinating Commis-  
28 sion related to:

29 “(a) The number of students who attend a community college and then a  
30 state institution of higher education, or a state institution of higher educa-

1 tion and then a community college.

2 “(b) The number of students who attend one community college and then  
3 a different community college.

4 “(c) The number of students who transfer from a community college to a  
5 state institution of higher education and who have an associate transfer de-  
6 gree or have completed a transfer program.

7 “(d) The average number of credits students have when they transfer from  
8 a community college to a state institution of higher education.

9 “(e) The average number of credits students have when they attend one  
10 community college and then a different community college.

11 “(f) The average number of credits that a student earning an associate  
12 transfer degree completed at a community college.

13 “(g) The average number of credits students who have transferred from  
14 a community college to a state institution of higher education must earn  
15 prior to receiving a baccalaureate degree compared to the average number  
16 of credits students who did not transfer from a community college must earn  
17 prior to receiving a baccalaureate degree.”.

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