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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1581

- On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:
- "SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section and section 3 of this 2014

 4 Act, 'school of higher education' means:
- 5 "(a) Any public university listed in ORS 352.002.
- 6 "(b) Any community college as defined in ORS 341.005.
- "(2) During an academic term in which a primary or general election as set forth in ORS 254.056 is to be held, each school of higher education shall display a direct link to the Secretary of State's online voter registration tool on the school's website home page.
- "(3) Each school of higher education shall give the school's official student government or its equivalent an opportunity to provide nonpartisan voter registration services:
- 14 "(a) During student orientation programs held by the school's ad-15 ministration;
- "(b) During campus welcome events that occur before classes begin
 each academic term; and
- 18 "(c) During residence life program activities.
- 19 "(4) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection (3) of 20 this section, each school of higher education shall provide:
- "(a) The school's official student government or its equivalent with professional contact information that has been previously compiled by

- the school for faculty. The student organization may use this contact information for the purpose of seeking faculty approval to provide nonpartisan voter registration classroom presentations; and
- "(b) Individual students the opportunity to provide voter registration services throughout the academic term in any nonreserved public space on the school's property. This paragraph applies only to students enrolled at the school and does not alter in any way the rights of a person who is not enrolled as a student at the school.
- "(5) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsections (3) and
 (4) of this section, each school of higher education that has any
 housing that is owned and operated by the school shall:
 - "(a) Engage with the local county elections office at least six months prior to each primary or general election as set forth in ORS 254.056 in order to determine what address information students living in on-campus housing must provide in order to receive election ballots; and
 - "(b) Work with the school's official student government or its equivalent to develop an internal delivery system policy to help students receive ballots in a timely manner.
- 20 "(6) During an academic term in which a primary or general 21 election as set forth in ORS 254.056 is to be held, each school of higher 22 education may send no more than two reminders to each student of 23 the school by electronic mail. The content of these reminders shall be 24 limited to reminding students:
- "(a) To update their voter registration address by a certain date;
 or
- 27 "(b) Of the date by which a completed ballot must be returned to 28 the county clerk.
- "SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2014 Act first applies to the 2015-2016 academic year.

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"SECTION 3. (1) Section 1 of this 2014 Act becomes operative on 2 July 1, 2015.

"(2) A school of higher education may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the school to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the school by section 1 of this 2014 Act.".

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