

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2973

By COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, INNOVATION, AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

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1 In line 4 of the printed bill, delete “1 and 2” and insert “2 and 3”.

2 Delete lines 6 through 23 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 2. (1) Public universities listed in ORS 352.002 shall work toward developing**
4 **and providing four-year baccalaureate degrees, or pathways to baccalaureate degrees, that**
5 **are affordable and offered at a fixed cost that is significantly less than the cost of a tradi-**
6 **tional baccalaureate degree at the universities.**

7 **“(2) Community colleges shall assist public universities listed in ORS 352.002 in developing**
8 **the fixed-cost baccalaureate degrees described in subsection (1) of this section by developing**
9 **streamlined transfer and dual enrollment programs that have the potential to reduce the**
10 **cost of higher education in this state.**

11 **“(3) Affordable four-year baccalaureate degree programs developed under this section**
12 **must meet the same educational and accreditation standards as other baccalaureate degree**
13 **programs offered by the universities and must be capable of being approved by the governing**
14 **boards of the public universities and by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission un-**
15 **der ORS 351.047.**

16 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall conduct a detailed**
17 **analysis of the options available to provide, and the feasibility of public universities listed in**
18 **ORS 352.002 offering, affordable baccalaureate degrees as described in section 2 of this 2015**
19 **Act.**

20 **“(2) In addition to any other factors considered relevant by the commission, the analysis**
21 **required under subsection (1) of this section must include an examination of:**

22 **“(a) The potential use of college credits earned by students while in high school;**

23 **“(b) The transfer of community college credits;**

24 **“(c) The potential use of courses offered through the Internet, including massive open**
25 **online courses (MOOCs);**

26 **“(d) The potential use of state funds or other incentives that may ensure that affordable**
27 **baccalaureate degrees are available; and**

28 **“(e) The ways in which Oregon’s post-secondary education institutions use accelerated**
29 **college credits, community college transfer credits and courses offered through the Internet,**
30 **including MOOCs, to reduce tuition costs, and the effectiveness of these practices.**

31 **“(3) The commission shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 de-**
32 **scribing the analysis conducted as required under this section, and the commission’s**
33 **findings, to the legislative committees on higher education during the 2016 regular session**
34 **of the Legislative Assembly.**

35 **“SECTION 4. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this 2015 Act are repealed on July 1, 2016.”**

1 In line 24, delete "4" and insert "5".

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