

House Bill 3276

Sponsored by Representative WILSON

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**.

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to convene work group to conduct cost-benefit analysis of cost drivers associated with increased tuition at public universities over past 20 years.

Requires commission to submit report detailing analysis to interim legislative committees on higher education by September 15, 2015.

Sunsets work group on December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the cost of attending public universities; 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 which includes a representative from each public university listed in ORS 352.002. The**
6 **work group shall conduct a detailed cost-benefit analysis of cost drivers associated with in-**
7 **creased tuition at public universities over the past 20 years.**

8 **(2) This analysis shall focus primarily on course offerings and administrative positions**
9 **that have been created in the past 20 years. For each of these course offerings or adminis-**
10 **trative positions, the work group shall determine:**

11 **(a) The rationale for adding the course or administrative position;**

12 **(b) How the course or administrative position has served the student body; and**

13 **(c) The cost of the course or administrative position.**

14 **(3) The work group may conduct a cost-benefit analysis similar to those required for new**
15 **academic programs or new administrative positions for any additional cost driver identified**
16 **by the work group as contributing significantly to the increased tuition at public universities**
17 **over the past 20 years.**

18 **(4) The commission shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 detailing**
19 **the analysis required under this section to the interim legislative committees on higher ed-**
20 **ucation no later than September 15, 2015.**

21 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.**

22 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
23 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
24 **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.