

# House Bill 3281

Sponsored by Representatives GORSEK, WHISNANT

## 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**.

Prohibits public universities and community colleges from increasing amount of tuition and mandatory fees charged to students during 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for purpose of maintaining current level of tuition and mandatory fees.

Establishes how moneys appropriated to commission must be spent by universities and community colleges.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to higher education tuition; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 352.102 or any other provision of law, the tuition**  
5 **and mandatory enrollment fees charged by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a**  
6 **community college may not exceed the amount charged by the university or community**  
7 **college during the 2014-2015 academic year.**

8 **(2) This section applies to tuition and mandatory enrollment fees for the 2015-2016 and**  
9 **2016-2017 academic years that are charged to:**

10 **(a) Resident and nonresident undergraduate students;**

11 **(b) Resident and nonresident graduate students; and**

12 **(c) International students enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program.**

13 **(3) Moneys that are appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission un-**  
14 **der section 2 of this 2015 Act for the purpose of implementing this section must be spent as**  
15 **follows:**

16 **(a) 60 percent of the moneys shall be used to offset increases in instructional and student**  
17 **success costs;**

18 **(b) 30 percent of the moneys shall be used to increase financial aid for students; and**

19 **(c) 10 percent of the moneys shall be used to offset increased administration costs.**

20 **(4) As used in this section:**

21 **(a) "Administration costs" includes regular and deferred maintenance and all payments**  
22 **associated with unclassified employees that are not instructional and student success costs,**  
23 **including but not limited to costs associated with employees who work in offices related to:**

24 **(A) The president;**

25 **(B) Diversity;**

26 **(C) Equity and compliance;**

27 **(D) Finance and administration;**

28 **(E) General counsel;**

**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 (F) Government relations;
- 2 (G) Human resources;
- 3 (H) Facilities management above the lowest level manager of classified employees;
- 4 (I) Academic affairs;
- 5 (J) The dean, associate dean or assistant dean;
- 6 (K) Research administration and who provide direct support to faculty in pursuit of re-
- 7 search, publication and external funding; and
- 8 (L) Entities that hold outside contracts to support the university or community college
- 9 in any administrative function.
- 10 (b) "Instructional and student success costs":
- 11 (A) Includes but is not limited to:
- 12 (i) Direct classroom instruction by faculty;
- 13 (ii) Instructional support by teaching assistants;
- 14 (iii) Course materials;
- 15 (iv) Academic and financial aid advising;
- 16 (v) Health and legal services;
- 17 (vi) Support for student programs;
- 18 (vii) Library staff and services; and
- 19 (viii) Support for instructional programs, or maintenance of the campus or
- 20 infrastructure of the university or community college, by any classified employees covered
- 21 by a collective bargaining agreement.
- 22 (B) Does not include:
- 23 (i) Management of staff or faculty; or
- 24 (ii) Administration costs.
- 25 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
- 26 ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,
- 27 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_, to be allocated to public universities
- 28 listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges for the purpose of carrying out the provisions
- 29 of section 1 of this 2015 Act.
- 30 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
- 31 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
- 32 on its passage.
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