

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 3308**

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, INNOVATION, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to underrepresented communities in higher education; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall convene a work group to analyze and develop recommendations to address disparities in higher education within traditionally marginalized, underserved or underrepresented communities.

(2) The work group established under subsection (1) of this section shall be composed of students, faculty, staff and administrators at public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges. The commission shall provide any staffing resources necessary for the work group to complete its analysis and recommendations.

(3) The focus of the work group is on addressing through continuing education the disparities that currently exist in higher education for the following groups and subgroups:

- (a) People of color;
- (b) People with disabilities;
- (c) Individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender;
- (d) Nontraditional students;
- (e) First-generation college students;
- (f) Students who formerly served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and
- (g) People whose first language is not English.

(4) The commission shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 detailing the analysis and recommendations required under this section to the interim legislative committees on higher education no later than June 30, 2016.

**SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2017.

**SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$48,092 for the purpose of implementing section 1 of this 2015 Act.

**SECTION 4.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

**Passed by House April 16, 2015**

**Repassed by House June 30, 2015**

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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Kate Brown, Governor

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