

# House Bill 3308

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

## 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**.

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to convene work group to analyze and make recommendations on how to address disparities in higher education among traditionally marginalized, underserved and underrepresented communities.

Requires work group to submit report detailing analysis and recommendations 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 underrepresented communities in higher education; 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 to analyze and develop recommendations to address disparities in higher education**  
6 **within traditionally marginalized, underserved or underrepresented communities.**

7 **(2) The work group established under subsection (1) of this section shall be comprised**  
8 **of students, faculty, staff and administrators at public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and**  
9 **community colleges. The commission and the Oregon Health Authority shall provide any**  
10 **staffing resources necessary for the work group to complete its analysis and recommen-**  
11 **dations.**

12 **(3) The focus of the work group is on addressing through continuing education the dis-**  
13 **parities that currently exist in higher education for the following groups and subgroups:**

14 **(a) People of color;**

15 **(b) People with disabilities;**

16 **(c) Individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender;**

17 **(d) Nontraditional students;**

18 **(e) Students who formerly served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and**

19 **(f) People whose first language is not English.**

20 **(4) The commission shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 detailing**  
21 **the analysis and recommendations required under this section to the interim legislative**  
22 **committees on higher education no later than September 15, 2015.**

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 Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.**

24 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**  
26 **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.