

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2973**

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**
4 **toward developing and providing four-year baccalaureate degrees, or**
5 **pathways to baccalaureate degrees, that are affordable and offered at**
6 **a fixed cost that is significantly less than the cost of a traditional**
7 **baccalaureate degree at the universities.**

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

13 **“(3) Affordable four-year baccalaureate degree programs developed**
14 **under this section must meet the same educational and accreditation**
15 **standards as other baccalaureate degree programs offered by the uni-**
16 **versities and must be capable of being approved by the governing**
17 **boards of the public universities and by the Higher Education Coordi-**
18 **nating Commission under ORS 351.047.**

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

1 **Act.**

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

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

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

8 **“(c) The potential use of courses offered through the Internet, in-**
9 **cluding massive open online courses (MOOCs);**

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

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

16 **“(3) The commission shall submit a report in the manner provided**
17 **by ORS 192.245 describing the analysis conducted as required under**
18 **this section, and the commission’s findings, to the legislative com-**
19 **mittees on higher education during the 2016 regular session of the**
20 **Legislative Assembly.**

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

23 In line 24, delete “4” and insert “5”.

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