Enrolled Senate Bill 1540

Sponsored by Senator HASS; Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, BEYER, BOQUIST, BURDICK, EDWARDS, MONROE, RILEY, ROBLAN, Representative JOHNSON (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to higher education tuition waiver; and declaring an emergency.

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

<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in consultation with Oregon post-secondary institutions of education, shall conduct a study to determine the best method of increasing the number of mathematics majors at Oregon universities.

(2) The study shall:

(a) Consider various potential methodologies for reaching the goal set forth in subsection (1) of this section, including but not limited to the State of Oregon providing financial support for tuition waivers; and

(b) Evaluate the costs and benefits to the State of Oregon in pursuing the goal set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The commission shall submit a report on the study to the interim legislative committees on higher education no later than January 15, 2017.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.

Passed by Senate February 15, 2016 **Received by Governor:** Approved: Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate Peter Courtney, President of Senate Passed by House February 23, 2016 Kate Brown, Governor Filed in Office of Secretary of State: Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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