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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, INNOVATION, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4021

- Delete lines 4 through 26 of the printed bill and insert:
- 2 "SECTION 1. (1) The State Treasurer and the Higher Education
- 3 Coordinating Commission shall conduct a study to explore approaches
- 4 for lowering interest rates on student loans for students in Oregon.
- 5 The study must:

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- "(a) Explore approaches for lowering interest rates on student loans
 for Oregon residents;
- 8 "(b) Include an identification of funding approaches, including in-9 vestments and bonds, that could be used to refinance student loans;
 - "(c) Identify funding approaches that have historically lower interest rates than current federal or private student loans; and
 - "(d) Outline the research plan that would be needed to implement a student loan refinancing program in Oregon, including the data that is currently available to estimate potential costs of such a program and additional data that would be needed to determine the viability of such a program.
- "(2) The State Treasurer and the Higher Education Coordinating
 Commission shall submit a report on the study to the interim legislative committees on higher education no later than December 1, 2016.
- "SECTION 2. 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.".
