

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 911**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 29 and delete page  
2 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

4 **“(a) ‘Health care practitioner’ means a:**

5 **“(A) Physician licensed under ORS chapter 677;**

6 **“(B) Dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679;**

7 **“(C) Nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390;**

8 **“(D) Physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525; or**

9 **“(E) Certified registered nurse anesthetist licensed under ORS**  
10 **chapter 678.**

11 **“(b) ‘Prospective health care practitioner’ means a person who has**  
12 **been accepted into, but has not yet started, a qualifying health pro-**  
13 **fession degree program.**

14 **“(c) ‘Qualifying health profession degree program’ means a degree**  
15 **program at Oregon Health and Science University that meets the ed-**  
16 **ucational requirements for licensure as a physician, dentist, nurse**  
17 **practitioner, physician assistant or certified nurse anesthetist.**

18 **“(d) ‘Recipient’ means a person who has been selected by Oregon**  
19 **Health and Science University to receive an Indian Health Scholarship**  
20 **under subsection (5) of this section.**

21 **“(e) ‘Service agreement’ means the agreement executed by a pro-**

1 **spective health care practitioner under subsection (3) of this section.**

2 **“(f) ‘Tribal service site’ means a health care facility that is located:**

3 **“(A) On a federally recognized Oregon Indian reservation; or**

4 **“(B) In Oregon and serves a patient population that is at least 50**  
5 **percent members of a federally recognized Indian tribe.**

6 **“(2) There is created the Indian Health Scholarship Program, to be**  
7 **administered by the university pursuant to rules adopted by the uni-**  
8 **versity. The university shall determine who shall receive scholarships**  
9 **under subsection (5) of this section.**

10 **“(3) A prospective health care practitioner who wishes to participate**  
11 **in the program shall submit an application to the university in ac-**  
12 **cordance with rules adopted by the university. To be eligible to receive**  
13 **an Indian Health Scholarship, a prospective health care practitioner**  
14 **must:**

15 **“(a) Be a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe; and**

16 **“(b) Execute a service agreement stating that:**

17 **“(A) Immediately upon the recipient’s completion of the health**  
18 **profession degree, residency or training, as established for each degree**  
19 **by the university by rule, the recipient will practice as a health care**  
20 **practitioner at a tribal service site for at least the number of years**  
21 **that the recipient was enrolled in the health profession degree pro-**  
22 **gram for which the recipient received a scholarship; and**

23 **“(B) While practicing as a health care practitioner at a tribal ser-**  
24 **vice site, the recipient must meet other requirements established by**  
25 **the university by rule.**

26 **“(4) Oregon Health and Science University may select recipients**  
27 **from among the prospective health care practitioners who submit ap-**  
28 **plications as provided in subsection (3) of this section. The university**  
29 **shall give preference, in the following order of priority, to a prospec-**  
30 **tive health care practitioner who is:**

1       “(a) A member of a federally recognized Oregon Indian tribe; or

2       “(b) A resident of this state.

3       “(5) The university shall provide a scholarship covering the entire  
4 cost of tuition and fees for a recipient’s education in a qualifying  
5 health profession degree program.

6       “(6)(a) A recipient who fails to complete the health profession de-  
7 gree for which the scholarship was awarded shall repay the amount  
8 received to the university.

9       “(b) A recipient who fails to complete the terms of the service  
10 agreement shall repay the amount received to the university. The total  
11 amount to be paid under this paragraph shall be reduced on a pro rata  
12 basis for every full month that the recipient complied with the service  
13 agreement.

14       “(c) Upon the death of a recipient, any obligation of the recipient  
15 under this subsection to repay the university shall be canceled.

16       “(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any case of ex-  
17 treme hardship or for other good cause shown, the university may  
18 waive, in whole or in part, the right of the university to recover  
19 moneys made available under this section.

20       “(7) In the event that a recipient is required to repay the university  
21 under subsection (6) of this section, the university may:

22       “(a) Collect any amounts due;

23       “(b) Have any amounts due be collected by the Collections Unit in  
24 the Department of Revenue under ORS 293.250; or

25       “(c) Contract with a collections agency to collect any amounts due.

26       “(8) Any moneys received or collected by the university under sub-  
27 sections (6) and (7) of this section shall be deposited into a separate  
28 fund held by the university for the purpose of carrying out the pro-  
29 visions of this section. The university may not use the moneys in that  
30 fund for any other purpose.

1       **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act first applies to the 2018-2019**  
2 **academic year.**

3       **“SECTION 3. There is appropriated to Oregon Health and Science**  
4 **University, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General**  
5 **Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of administering the In-**  
6 **dian Health Scholarship Program created in section 1 of this 2017 Act.**

7       **“SECTION 4. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate**  
8 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**  
9 **declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on July 1, 2017.”.**

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