

Requested by Representative JOHNSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2457**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “provisions;” delete the rest
2 of the line and line 3 and insert “amending ORS 350.075; and declaring an
3 emergency.”.

4 Delete lines 5 through 31 and delete pages 2 through 7 and insert:

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17 offer programs in high-demand occupations that meet Oregon’s workforce
18 needs.

19 “(f) Improve economies of scale by encouraging and facilitating the use
20 of the shared services among post-secondary institutions in this state.

21 “[~~(6)~~] **(5)** The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in a manner
22 consistent with ORS chapter 183, may adopt administrative rules.

23 “[~~(7)~~] **(6)** With the exception of the rulemaking authority granted in sub-
24 section [~~(6)~~] **(5)** of this section, the Higher Education Coordinating Commis-
25 sion may delegate any of its powers, duties or functions to a committee of
26 the commission or to the executive director of the commission.

27 “[~~(8)~~] **(7)** The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may establish
28 technical or advisory committees to assist the commission in exercising its
29 powers, duties and functions.

30 “[~~(9)~~] **(8)** The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may exercise

1 only powers, duties and functions expressly granted by the Legislative As-
2 sembly. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, all other authorities
3 reside at the institutional level with the respective boards of the post-
4 secondary institutions.

5 **“SECTION 4. (1) The amendments to ORS 350.075 by section 3 of this**
6 **2017 Act become operative on July 1, 2021.**

7 **“(2) Notwithstanding the operative date specified in subsection (1)**
8 **of this section, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, or an**
9 **entity to whom the commission refers a student complaint, must re-**
10 **solve any student complaint that is submitted to the commission be-**
11 **fore the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, as**
12 **provided under ORS 350.075 (4) as operative before the operative date**
13 **specified in subsection (1) of this section.**

14 **“SECTION 5. The amendments to ORS 350.075 by sections 1 and 2**
15 **of this 2017 Act apply to any student complaint regarding a school that**
16 **is submitted to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission on or**
17 **after July 1, 2017, and before July 1, 2021.**

18 **“SECTION 6. No later than September 1, 2020, the Higher Education**
19 **Coordinating Commission shall provide a written report to the Gover-**
20 **nor describing the number, type and outcome of student complaints**
21 **that the commission receives under ORS 350.075 on or after July 1,**
22 **2017, and before March 31, 2020.**

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

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