## House Bill 3101

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## **SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.** 

Extends from July 1, 2019, to July 1, 2023, period of time public universities must provide scope and value of specified employee benefits.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to university shared services; creating new provisions; amending ORS 352.129; and declaring an emergency.

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

- **SECTION 1.** ORS 352.129 is amended to read:
- 352.129. (1) Public universities listed in ORS 352.002 shall, by agreement, establish a system of shared administrative services for the:
- (a) Maintenance of federal tax benefits relating to state bonds issued for the benefit of each public university prior to April 30, 2015;
  - (b) Performance of administrative services relating to the following employee benefits:
  - (A) Group insurance or deferred compensation plans authorized by ORS 352.237;
- 12 (B) The Public Employees Retirement System or another plan authorized under ORS chapter 238 13 or 238A;
  - (C) The Optional Retirement Plan authorized by ORS 243.800; and
  - (D) A public university tax-deferred investment plan that obtains the advantages of 26 U.S.C. 403(b) and is authorized by ORS 243.820; and
  - (c) Collective bargaining with any statewide bargaining unit that includes employees of two or more public universities listed in ORS 352.002.
  - (2)(a) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 may opt out of the shared administrative service listed in subsection (1)(a) of this section only if the Oregon Department of Administrative Services has adopted rules under ORS 286A.863 relating to standards, terms and conditions for maintaining federal tax benefits that apply to public universities listed in ORS 352.002 that opt out of shared administrative [services described] service listed in subsection (1)(a) of this section.
  - (b) Prior to July 1, [2019] **2023**, a public university listed in ORS 352.002 must provide the same scope and overall value of each employee benefit listed in subsection (1)(b) of this section as is required by the statutes referenced in subsection (1)(b) of this section.
  - (3)(a) Two or more public universities listed in ORS 352.002 may participate in shared services not described in subsection (1) of this section, including but not limited to shared services involving legal services and information technology.
    - (b) If a public university listed in ORS 352.002, or a community college, negotiates a contract

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with one or more third party financial firms, as defined in ORS 348.015, to provide disbursement and management services of financial aid funds, or management of financial accounts, to enrolled students, the public university or community college shall undertake reasonable efforts to establish collaboration agreements with other public universities or community colleges to negotiate the services.

(4) As used in this section, "federal tax benefits" has the meaning given that term in ORS 286A.830.

SECTION 2. If this 2019 Act does not become effective until after June 30, 2019, the amendments to ORS 352.129 by section 1 of this 2019 Act shall operate retroactively to that date, and the operation and effect of the amendments to ORS 352.129 by section 1 of this 2019 Act shall apply from June 30, 2019, to the effective date of this 2019 Act and thereafter. Any otherwise lawful action taken or otherwise lawful obligation incurred after the authority of the amendments to ORS 352.129 by section 1 of this 2019 Act, after June 30, 2019, and before the effective date of this 2019 Act, is ratified and approved.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.