Senate Bill 312

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (Presession filed.)

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.**

Requires public universities and community colleges to charge resident tuition to Native Americans and Alaska Natives who graduated from Oregon high schools.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to resident tuition for indigenous people; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college shall charge an enrolled student who is not a resident of this state and who is attending classes as an undergraduate or graduate student on a public university or community college campus in this state tuition and fees no greater than the resident rate if the student:

(a)(A) Is Native American; or

(B) Is an Alaska Native; and

(b)(A) Received a diploma under ORS 329.451;

(B) Completed grade 12 in compliance with the requirements of ORS 339.035; or

(C) Completed grade 12 at a private or parochial school, as described in ORS 339.030 (1)(a).

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Alaska Native" means an individual who is an Eskimo or Aleut or other Alaska Native; and

(b) "Native American" means an individual who:

(A) Is a member of a federally recognized Native American tribe or band, as defined by the tribe or band;

(B) Is a member of a Native American tribe or band, as defined by the tribe or band, that had the tribe or band's federal recognition terminated in 1940 or later; or

(C) Is a member of a Native American tribe that is historically based in Oregon, as determined by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission by rule.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act first applies to the 2019-2020 academic year.

SECTION 3. 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.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.