

HB 3212-1
(LC 3591)
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Requested by Representative MARSH

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3212**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after the semicolon delete the rest of the line
2 and insert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 After line 2, insert:

4 “Whereas median household income in Klamath County, Jackson County
5 and Josephine County sits well below the statewide median household in-
6 come; and

7 “Whereas residents of Klamath County, Jackson County and Josephine
8 County achieve post-secondary success at rates significantly lower than the
9 state average; and

10 “Whereas youth ages 16 to 24 in Klamath County, Jackson County and
11 Josephine County are disconnected from both school and work at notably
12 higher levels than the state average; and

13 “Whereas Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Community College,
14 Southern Oregon University and Rogue Community College have committed
15 to working together in the Southern Oregon Higher Education Consortium
16 to leverage their individual strengths to improve the educational attainment
17 in the underserved populations of southern Oregon; and

18 “Whereas the Southern Oregon Higher Education Consortium has already
19 begun to identify and resolve systemic barriers that prevent students from
20 accessing the programs and services of the four member institutions; now,
21 therefore,”.

1 Delete lines 4 through 15 and insert:

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

3 **“(a) ‘Consortium’ means the association between Oregon Institute**
4 **of Technology, Klamath Community College, Southern Oregon Uni-**
5 **versity and Rogue Community College.**

6 **“(b) ‘Navigator’ means an individual who works with students and**
7 **administrative leadership at each of the consortium institutions to:**

8 **“(A) Identify and remove systemic barriers that prevent students**
9 **from transferring between consortium institutions; and**

10 **“(B) Assist students transferring between consortium institutions.**

11 **“(2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall establish**
12 **a pilot program to assist the public post-secondary institutions of ed-**
13 **ucation in Klamath County, Jackson County and Josephine County**
14 **with expanding the effectiveness and scope of the consortium.**

15 **“(3) The pilot program shall:**

16 **“(a) Provide funding for navigators.**

17 **“(b) Explore the feasibility of shared recruitment and admission**
18 **into programs at consortium institutions.**

19 **“(c) Develop benchmarks and metrics to measure the success of a**
20 **collaborative consortium approach for public post-secondary education**
21 **in Klamath County, Jackson County and Josephine County, including:**

22 **“(A) The percentage of rural, first generation, low income, veteran**
23 **and underserved racial and ethnic populations that are served;**

24 **“(B) Term-to-term graduation rates for students enrolled at con-**
25 **sortium institutions; and**

26 **“(C) The rate at which students enrolled at consortium institutions**
27 **participate in high technology or other next-generation apprentice-**
28 **ships.**

29 **“(4) The commission shall present the results of the pilot program,**
30 **including any identified opportunities for and barriers to using a**

1 collaborative consortium approach for public post-secondary education
2 in Klamath County, Jackson County and Josephine County, in a report
3 to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to higher edu-
4 cation, in the manner provided under ORS 192.245, on or before March
5 1, 2021.

6 “(5) The commission may adopt any rules necessary for the admin-
7 istration of the pilot program developed under this section.

8 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2,
9 2022.

10 “SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
11 ation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating
12 Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the Gen-
13 eral Fund, the amount of \$500,000, for the purpose of carrying out the
14 provisions of section 1 of this 2019 Act.

15 “SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
17 declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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