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SUMMARY

Provides that student who legally entered United States as refugee, through special immigrant visa or under Compact of Free Association treaty between United States and Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands or Federated States of Micronesia and who has not previously established residence in any state or territory of United States other than Oregon qualifies for exemption from nonresident tuition and fees at Oregon Health and Science University.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to tuition equity; creating new provisions; amending ORS 353.123; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 353.123 is amended to read:

353.123. (1)(a) **Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection,** the Oregon Health and Science University Board of Directors may exempt a student who is not a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States[, *or who is a refugee, special immigrant visa holder or COFA islander,*] from paying nonresident tuition and fees for enrollment at Oregon Health and Science University consistent with policies adopted by the board or by university officials acting under authority of the board.

(b) A student who is a COFA islander and who has not previously established residence in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia other than Oregon shall qualify for exemption from nonresident tuition and fees for enrollment as an undergraduate student and as a graduate student in a degree program at Oregon

1 **Health and Science University.**

2 **(c) A student who is a refugee or special immigrant visa holder and**
3 **who has not previously established residence in any state or territory**
4 **of the United States or the District of Columbia other than Oregon**
5 **shall qualify for exemption from nonresident tuition and fees for en-**
6 **rollment as an undergraduate student and as a graduate student in a**
7 **degree program at Oregon Health and Science University.**

8 (2) A student who is not a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the
9 United States, or who is a refugee, special immigrant visa holder or COFA
10 islander, is eligible to receive scholarships and other financial aid from the
11 university consistent with policies adopted by the board or university offi-
12 cials acting under the authority of the board.

13 (3) As used in this section, “COFA islander,” “refugee” and “special im-
14 migrant visa holder” have the meanings given those terms in ORS 352.287.

15 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 353.123 by section 1 of this**
16 **2023 Act first apply to enrollment as an undergraduate student or a**
17 **graduate student in a degree program during the 2023-2024 academic**
18 **year.**

19 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
20 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
21 **clared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.**