

# DRAFT

## SUMMARY

Requires public research universities to recruit and hire faculty with demonstrated ability to attract federal research dollars, support education of students and partner with semiconductor industry.

Requires public research universities to establish competitive start-up packages for new faculty hires.

Requires public research universities to jointly establish Center for Semiconductor Research and Development Competitiveness.

Establishes Semiconductor Faculty Sustaining Fund, Semiconductor Faculty Start-up Package Fund and University-Semiconductor Industry Partnering Support Fund.

Appropriates moneys to each fund.

Declares emergency, effective on July 1, 2023.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to university partnerships with the semiconductor industry; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) Oregon's public research universities shall actively seek to recruit and hire faculty who have a demonstrated ability to:**

**(a) Attract federal research dollars;**

**(b) Support the education of undergraduate students or graduate students; and**

**(c) Partner constructively with the semiconductor industry.**

**(2) Oregon's public research universities shall establish competitive start-up packages for new faculty hires described in subsection (1) of this section. The start-up packages shall include:**

**(a) Moneys and physical space for research and teaching laborato-**

ries;

(b) Moneys and physical space for shared equipment;

(c) Moneys and support personnel to provide grant administration and assistance; and

(d) Moneys for graduate student salaries.

(3) Oregon's public research universities shall jointly establish a Center for Semiconductor Research and Development Competitiveness. The center shall position Oregon to successfully compete for substantial federal moneys targeted to strengthen the semiconductor innovation ecosystem by providing:

(a) Proactive networking opportunities between and among faculty at Oregon's public universities and community colleges, public officials who work for state and local governments and executives at semiconductor companies;

(b) Ongoing needs assessments; and

(c) Grant writing support.

(4) As used in this section, "Oregon's public research universities" means:

(a) Oregon State University;

(b) Portland State University; and

(c) University of Oregon.

**SECTION 2.** (1) The Semiconductor Faculty Sustaining Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Semiconductor Faculty Sustaining Fund shall be credited to the fund.

(2) Moneys in the Semiconductor Faculty Sustaining Fund shall consist of:

(a) Amounts donated to the fund from individuals or private organizations;

(b) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly; and

1 (c) Interest earned by the fund.

2 (3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Higher  
3 Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Oregon's pub-  
4 lic research universities for the purpose of recruiting and hiring fac-  
5 ulty in the manner described in section 1 (1) of this 2023 Act.

6 (4) As used in this section, "Oregon's public research universities"  
7 has the meaning given that term in section 1 of this 2023 Act.

8 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Semiconductor Faculty Start-up Package Fund  
9 is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the  
10 General Fund. Interest earned by the Semiconductor Faculty Start-up  
11 Package Fund shall be credited to the fund.

12 (2) Moneys in the Semiconductor Faculty Start-up Package Fund  
13 shall consist of:

14 (a) Amounts donated to the fund from individuals or private or-  
15 ganizations;

16 (b) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by  
17 the Legislative Assembly; and

18 (c) Interest earned by the fund.

19 (3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Higher  
20 Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Oregon's pub-  
21 lic research universities for the purpose of paying for the cost of pro-  
22 viding start-up packages for faculty in the manner described in section  
23 1 (2) of this 2023 Act.

24 (4) As used in this section, "Oregon's public research universities"  
25 has the meaning given that term in section 1 of this 2023 Act.

26 **SECTION 4.** (1) The University-Semiconductor Industry Partnering  
27 Support Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and dis-  
28 tinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the University-  
29 Semiconductor Industry Partnering Support Fund shall be credited to  
30 the fund.

31 (2) Moneys in the University-Semiconductor Industry Partnering

**Support Fund shall consist of:**

**(a) Amounts donated to the fund from individuals or private organizations;**

**(b) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly; and**

**(c) Interest earned by the fund.**

**(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Oregon's public research universities for the purpose of operating the Center for Semiconductor Research and Development Competitiveness established in section 1 (3) of this 2023 Act.**

**(4) As used in this section, "Oregon's public research universities" has the meaning given that term in section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

**SECTION 5. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, for deposit into the Semiconductor Faculty Sustaining Fund established in section 2 of this 2023 Act for distribution to Oregon's public research universities for the purposes set forth in section 1 (1) of this 2023 Act.**

**(2) As used in this section, "Oregon's public research universities" has the meaning given that term in section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

**SECTION 6. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$25,000,000, for deposit into the Semiconductor Faculty Start-up Package Fund established in section 3 of this 2023 Act for distribution to Oregon's public research universities for the purposes set forth in section 1 (2) of this 2023 Act.**

**(2) When distributing moneys allocated under this section to Oregon's public research universities, the commission shall:**

1 (a) Distribute up to \$700,000 per new faculty hire described in sec-  
2 tion 1 (1) of this 2023 Act for the cost of start-up packages; and

3 (b) Require that in order to receive moneys allocated under this  
4 section, the university must provide matching funds of at least 30  
5 percent for all moneys the university receives under this section.

6 (3) As used in this section, “Oregon’s public research universities”  
7 has the meaning given that term in section 1 of this 2023 Act.

8 SECTION 7. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appro-  
9 priation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating  
10 Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the Gen-  
11 eral Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000, for deposit into the University-  
12 Semiconductor Industry Partnering Support Fund established in  
13 section 4 of this 2023 Act for distribution to Oregon’s public research  
14 universities for the purposes set forth in section 1 (3) of this 2023 Act.

15 (2) As used in this section, “Oregon’s public research universities”  
16 has the meaning given that term in section 1 of this 2023 Act.

17 SECTION 8. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-  
18 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-  
19 clared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on July 1, 2023.