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SUMMARY

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to conduct study and develop recommendations on how to establish coordinated, statewide approach to best serve currently incarcerated individuals who are recently eligible to receive student loans under federal program. Requires commission to convene group of listed stakeholders as part of study and development of recommendations.

Requires commission to submit report providing results and recommendations of study to Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2021.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to student loans for incarcerated individuals; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission**
6 **shall conduct a study and develop recommendations on how to estab-**
7 **lish a coordinated, statewide approach to best serve currently**
8 **incarcerated individuals who are recently eligible to receive student**
9 **loans under a federal program.**

10 **(2) As part of the study and development of recommendations re-**
11 **quired under this section, the commission shall convene a group of**
12 **stakeholders that must include representatives of:**

13 **(a) Community colleges operated under ORS chapter 341;**

14 **(b) Public universities listed in ORS 352.002;**

15 **(c) Students enrolled at community colleges and public universities**
16 **listed in ORS 352.002;**

- 1 **(d) Faculty employed at community colleges and public universities;**
2 **(e) Advocates for prison education;**
3 **(f) Current and formerly incarcerated individuals; and**
4 **(g) Any other entity that the commission determines would improve**
5 **the quality of the study and recommendations developed under this**
6 **section.**

7 **(3) The commission shall provide the results and recommendations**
8 **of the study in a report that may include recommendations for legis-**
9 **lation, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the interim com-**
10 **mittees of the Legislative Assembly responsible for higher education**
11 **no later than December 31, 2021.**

12 **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on June 30, 2022.**

13 **SECTION 3.** **This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
14 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
15 **clared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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