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AN ACT

Relating to boundaries of community college districts; and declaring an emergency.
Whereas the northernmost portion of Lake County (territory) is currently being served by distance learning technology offered by Klamath Community College Service District (KCC); and
Whereas residents who attended required public hearings believed that KCC offers programming that is more aligned with the educational needs of the territory than that offered by the Central Oregon Community College Service District (COCC); and
Whereas Lake County has a current contractual relationship with KCC and the Lakeview Educational Service District has a positive relationship with KCC; and
Whereas COCC does not have current plans to increase or improve the educational services provided by COCC to the territory; and
Whereas the current community college district boundaries are not aligned with the current contracts, relationships and interests of the territory; and
Whereas the COCC Board of Directors has taken formal action to support the transition; and
Whereas the tax liability of residents of the territory will decrease without any loss in educational services, as the KCC mill rate is currently lower than the COCC mill rate; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. (1) Pursuant to ORS 341.565, the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly approves the changes to the boundaries of the Central Oregon Community College Service District and Klamath Community College Service District set forth in the Proposed and Final Order of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission dated December 12, 2019.
(2) Notwithstanding ORS 341.575, the territory that is transferred from the Central Oregon Community College Service District to the Klamath Community College Service District under this section remains liable for the transferred territory's share of the debt of the Central Oregon Community College Service District that exists at the time of the transfer.

SECTION 2. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.