

House Bill 2089

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Approves Proposed and Final Order of Higher Education Coordinating Commission dated December 12, 2019, transferring northernmost portion of Lake County from Central Oregon Community College Service District to Klamath Community College Service District. Clarifies that transferred area remains liable for its share of debt of Central Oregon Community College Service District that exists at time of transfer.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to boundaries of community college districts; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas the northernmost portion of Lake County (territory) is currently being served by dis-
4 tance learning technology offered by Klamath Community College Service District (KCC); and

5 Whereas residents who attended required public hearings believed that KCC offers programming
6 that is more aligned with the educational needs of the territory than that offered by the Central
7 Oregon Community College Service District (COCC); and

8 Whereas Lake County has a current contractual relationship with KCC and the Lakeview Edu-
9 cational Service District has a positive relationship with KCC; and

10 Whereas COCC does not have current plans to increase or improve the educational services
11 provided by COCC to the territory; and

12 Whereas the current community college district boundaries are not aligned with the current
13 contracts, relationships and interests of the territory; and

14 Whereas the COCC Board of Directors has taken formal action to support the transition; and

15 Whereas the tax liability of residents of the territory will decrease without any loss in educa-
16 tional services, as the KCC mill rate is currently lower than the COCC mill rate; now, therefore,

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

18 **SECTION 1. (1) Pursuant to ORS 341.565, the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly approves**
19 **the changes to the boundaries of the Central Oregon Community College Service District and**
20 **Klamath Community College Service District set forth in the Proposed and Final Order of**
21 **the Higher Education Coordinating Commission dated December 12, 2019.**

22 **(2) Notwithstanding ORS 341.575, the territory that is transferred from the Central**
23 **Oregon Community College Service District to the Klamath Community College Service Dis-**
24 **trict under this section remains liable for the transferred territory's share of the debt of the**
25 **Central Oregon Community College Service District that exists at the time of the transfer.**

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

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

