

# House Bill 2378

Sponsored by Representative MARSH (Pre-session filed.)

## 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**.

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish competency-based education pilot program.

Sunsets pilot program on January 2, 2024.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to competency-based education; creating new provisions; amending ORS 350.125; and de-  
3 claring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall establish a**  
6 **competency-based education pilot program to assist public post-secondary institutions of**  
7 **education in this state with expanding competency-based education.**

8 **(2) The program shall:**

9 **(a) Issue one or more grants to public post-secondary institutions of education in this**  
10 **state for the purpose of funding start-up costs to implement a competency-based education**  
11 **program within the recipient institution.**

12 **(b) Encourage public post-secondary institutions of education in this state that have**  
13 **competency-based programs to promote and market their programs to out-of-state individ-**  
14 **uals.**

15 **(3) The commission may adopt any rules necessary for the administration of the pilot**  
16 **program. The rules adopted by the commission shall include a method for reviewing and ap-**  
17 **proving grant applications and determining the grant amount that a qualified public post-**  
18 **secondary institution of education in this state may receive under this section.**

19 **SECTION 2. ORS 350.125 is amended to read:**

20 350.125. Before September 15 of each year, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall  
21 submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the appropriate interim committees of the  
22 Legislative Assembly. The report must describe the progress made in providing competency-based  
23 education in the public post-secondary institutions of education in this state. The report must:

24 (1) Describe the effectiveness of expanding competency-based education in public post-secondary  
25 institutions of education in this state and of granting post-secondary degrees on the basis of  
26 competency-based education;

27 (2) Identify issues and barriers, including post-secondary accreditation standards, that present  
28 challenges to implementing or expanding competency-based education programs in post-secondary  
29 institutions of education in this state;

30 **(3) Analyze and describe student outcomes in public post-secondary institutions of edu-**

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1 **cation that have implemented competency-based education programs;**

2 **(4) Identify funding strategies to implement or expand competency-based education pro-**  
3 **grams to all public post-secondary institutions of education in this state;**

4 ~~[(3)]~~ **(5) Analyze competency-based education models and determine which models have been**  
5 **successful; and**

6 ~~[(4)]~~ **(6) Recommend specific policy changes and initiatives that public post-secondary insti-**  
7 **tutions of education in this state may implement to expand competency-based education.**

8 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
9 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**  
10 **2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$200,000, which may be expended for carrying**  
11 **out section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

12 **SECTION 4. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed January 2, 2024.**

13 **SECTION 5. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
14 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**  
15 **July 1, 2021.**

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