House Bill 2542

Sponsored by Representative REARDON, Senator PATTERSON (Presession 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.

Requires each public university and community college to prominently display mandatory fees charged. Requires each public university and community college to provide annual report to Higher Education Coordinating Commission detailing compliance with requirement.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to disclosure of mandatory fees at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “mandatory fee” includes a mandatory enrollment fee, mandatory incidental fee or mandatory student-initiated fee.

(2) Each public university listed in ORS 352.002 or community college shall prominently display, as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a description of every mandatory fee charged by the public university or community college.

(3) A mandatory fee required to be displayed under this section must be published on each public university's or community college's public website and online student portal prior to the term for which the mandatory fee will be charged and included in any tuition bill. The amount of the mandatory fee must be accompanied by a description of:

(a) The general purpose of the mandatory fee;

(b) How the mandatory fee will be allocated and used; and

(c) If the mandatory fee will be collected for a limited duration, the beginning and end dates for collecting the mandatory fee.

(4)(a) No later than June 30 of each year, each public university and community college shall report to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission on the public university's or community college's efforts to display mandatory fees as required by this section.

(b) No later than November 15 of each year, each public university and community college shall report to the commission on the public university's or community college's collection of mandatory fees during the prior academic year. The report must include:

(A) The total amount of mandatory fees collected; and

(B) The amount of mandatory fees allocated to each use or recipient.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act first applies to the 2022-2023 academic year.

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.

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