

House Bill 2472

Sponsored by Representative BYNUM (at the request of Oregon Student Association) (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**.

Requires public universities to develop specified policies and accountability mechanisms for behavior at interscholastic activities, including sporting events. Prohibits public universities from participating in interscholastic activities or receiving state moneys in form of state grants, scholarship funds or Oregon State Police support if public university fails to develop or enforce policies and accountability mechanisms.

Requires public universities to train all athletic department personnel on policies and accountability mechanisms.

Requires public universities to suspend athletic director and head coach for minimum of one week if policies are violated through use of derogatory or inappropriate names, insults, verbal assaults, profanity or ridicule at interscholastic activity hosted by public university.

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to work with independent universities, NCAA and professional, student, cultural and religious organizations to develop rules for interscholastic codes of conduct.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to behavior related to interscholastic activities; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 may participate in interscho-**
5 **lastic activities, including but not limited to interscholastic sporting events, only if the public**
6 **university:**

7 (a) **Implements equity focused policies that address the use of derogatory or inappropri-**
8 **ate names, insults, verbal assaults, profanity or ridicule that occurs at an interscholastic**
9 **activity, including by spectators of the interscholastic activity;**

10 (b) **Maintains a transparent complaint process that:**

11 (A) **Has a reporting system to allow participants of interscholastic activities or members**
12 **of the public to make complaints about student, coach or spectator behavior;**

13 (B) **Responds to a complaint made under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph within 48**
14 **hours of the complaint being received; and**

15 (C) **Strives to resolve a complaint received under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph**
16 **within 30 days of the complaint being received;**

17 (c) **Develops and implements a system of sanctions against students, coaches and spec-**
18 **tators if a complaint made under paragraph (b) of this subsection is verified; and**

19 (d) **Performs an annual survey of students to understand and respond to potential vio-**
20 **lations of equity focused policies adopted under paragraph (a) of this subsection or violations**
21 **of ORS 659.850.**

22 (2) **Each employee of a public university whose official duties relate to the athletics de-**
23 **partment of the public university must receive formal training regarding the requirements**
24 **established by subsection (1) of this section.**

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.

1 **(3) If a sporting event is hosted by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 and attendees**
2 **at the sporting event engage in the use of derogatory or inappropriate names, insults, verbal**
3 **assaults, profanity or ridicule in violation of equity focused policies adopted under subsection**
4 **(1)(a) of this section, the public university must:**

5 **(a) Suspend the athletic director of the public university for at least one week; and**

6 **(b) Suspend the head coach of the athletic team of the public university that was par-**
7 **ticipating in the sporting event for at least one week.**

8 **(4) A public university that fails to comply with the requirements set forth in subsection**
9 **(1) of this section, or to meaningfully enforce the requirements set forth in subsection (1)**
10 **of this section, may not receive public moneys in the form of state grants, state scholarship**
11 **moneys or support from the Oregon State Police.**

12 **SECTION 2.** **The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall work with independent**
13 **universities, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, professional organizations, student**
14 **organizations, cultural organizations and religious organizations to develop rules for inter-**
15 **scholastic codes of conduct. To the degree practicable, the commission shall promote the**
16 **adoption of codes of conduct comparable to the requirements that public universities listed**
17 **in ORS 352.002 must adopt pursuant to section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

18 **SECTION 3.** **Section 1 of this 2023 Act first applies to the 2023-2024 academic year.**

19 **SECTION 4.** **This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
20 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
21 **on its passage.**

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