

House Bill 3254

Sponsored by Representative BYNUM (at the request of Oregon Business Council)

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 Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish statewide semiconductor industry consortium for purpose of building robust, strategic partnerships between semiconductor industry, institutions of education, workforce organizations and community-based organizations. Requires consortium to develop comprehensive educational curriculum framework to provide students with skills needed for employment in semiconductor industry.

Requires commission to appoint panel led by representatives of semiconductor industry to inform commission on what programs have been established at institutions of education to implement curriculum framework. Requires commission to use information when allocating moneys to promote semiconductor education.

Requires commission and industry panel to develop method for providing financial rewards to institutions of education that produce graduates with academic degrees that lead to employment in semiconductor industry.

Appropriates moneys to commission for purpose of establishing education curriculum framework, industry consortium and new academic programs.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to semiconductors; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall establish a state-**
5 **wide semiconductor industry consortium for the purpose of building robust, strategic part-**
6 **nerships between the semiconductor industry, institutions of education, workforce**
7 **organizations and community-based organizations.**

8 **(2) The consortium established under subsection (1) of this section shall:**

9 **(a) Identify skills needed for employment in the semiconductor industry; and**

10 **(b) Develop a comprehensive educational curriculum framework to provide the skills**
11 **identified in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

12 **(3) The commission shall appoint a panel, led by representatives from the semiconductor**
13 **industry, to inform the commission on what programs have been established at institutions**
14 **of education in this state to implement the curriculum framework developed under this**
15 **section. The commission shall use the information provided by the panel when allocating**
16 **moneys to institutions of education to promote semiconductor education.**

17 **(4) The commission, in consultation with the industry panel established in subsection (3)**
18 **of this section, shall develop a method for providing financial rewards to institutions of ed-**
19 **ucation that produce graduates with academic degrees that lead to employment in the**
20 **semiconductor industry.**

21 **(5) Every two years, the consortium shall update the comprehensive educational curric-**
22 **ulum framework developed under this section.**

23 **(6) The commission shall consider recommendations for future funding made by the**
24 **consortium and industry panel when making the commission's biennial budget recommen-**

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 **datations.**

2 **SECTION 2.** The consortium established under section 1 of this 2023 Act shall develop its
3 **first comprehensive educational curriculum framework no later than January 2, 2024.**

4 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
5 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**
6 **2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____**, for the purpose of establishing the
7 **consortium described in section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

8 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
9 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for distribution to institutions of**
10 **education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of**
11 **\$_____.** Moneys distributed under this section must be directly distributed to public in-
12 **stitutions of education for the purpose of establishing new academic programs pursuant to**
13 **the comprehensive educational framework developed pursuant to section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

14 **SECTION 5.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
15 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
16 **July 1, 2023.**

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