House Concurrent Resolution 25

Sponsored by Representatives RESCHKE, MCINTIRE, Senator WOODS; Representatives HUDSON, LEVY E, LIVELY, MANNIX, Senator LINTHICUM (at the request of Oregon Institute of Technology)

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.

Commemorates 75th anniversary of Oregon Institute of Technology.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1  Whereas after World War II, veterans returning home needed access to employment opportunities and vocational rehabilitation; and
2  Whereas Oregon Vocational School’s first classes were held on July 15, 1947, in a deactivated Marine Corps hospital three miles northeast of Klamath Falls, under the direction of the university’s first president, Winston Purvine; and
3  Whereas on December 21, 1948, the State Board of Education voted to change the university’s name to Oregon Technical Institute, and it was also known as Oregon Tech; and
4  Whereas Oregon Tech’s early curriculum included classes in automotive repair, baking and commercial cooking, gun-smithing, clock and watch repair, refrigeration servicing, and many others; and
5  Whereas in 1964, Oregon Tech moved to its newly constructed campus on a geothermal site overlooking Upper Klamath Lake, beginning a decades-long commitment to resource preservation and renewable energy; and
6  Whereas in 1966, Oregon Tech received authorization to grant bachelor’s degrees and awarded its first, a Bachelor of Technology in Engineering Technology; and
7  Whereas in 1973, Oregon Technical Institute was renamed Oregon Institute of Technology, but the “Oregon Tech” moniker remains in use to this day; and
8  Whereas from its original campuses in Klamath Falls, Oregon Tech has expanded its education and innovation programs to locations throughout Oregon and beyond, including the Portland-Metro campus in Wilsonville, a Dental Hygiene educational site and clinic in Salem, the Oregon Manufacturing and Innovation Center in Scappoose, the Boeing Company in Seattle, and even further via online programs; and
9  Whereas Oregon Tech now offers nearly 50 industry-focused undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the areas of engineering, technology, health, business, applied arts and sciences and related fields; and
10  Whereas Oregon Tech partners with high schools throughout Oregon to provide opportunities for students to earn college credit while in high school; and
11  Whereas Oregon Tech is home to the Oregon Renewable Energy Center, an applied research center created by the Legislative Assembly that promotes energy conservation and renewable energy use in Oregon and throughout the Pacific Northwest through applied research, educational

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programs and practical information, setting a foundation for a sustainable economy, good jobs and
economic prosperity; and

Whereas Oregon Tech is committed to its mission to foster student and graduate success by
providing a hands-on, project-based learning environment with faculty focused on innovation, schol-
arship and applied research; and

Whereas Oregon Tech champions diversity and leadership development by offering statewide
educational opportunities and technical expertise to meet the current and emerging needs of
Oregonians, as well as national and international constituents; and

Whereas Oregon Tech recognizes emerging workforce needs and partners with business and in-
dustry to train the next generation of leaders through unique bachelor’s and graduate degrees in
allied health and health science fields, preparing students for the complexity of the healthcare de-
delivery landscape; and

Whereas Oregon Tech actively supports and rewards innovation and entrepreneurship through
university events and competitions such as IdeaFest, Catalyze Klamath, and Ready, Set, Innovate;
and

Whereas Oregon Tech proudly serve veterans, military-affiliated students, and members of the
military community throughout Oregon and the United States; and

Whereas Oregon Tech has consistently ranked number one for return on investment for students
enrolled in four-year colleges and universities in Oregon, with graduates making the highest
earnings in this state relative to investment by students and families; and

Whereas Oregon Tech officially celebrates 75 years of service to Oregon through applied re-
search and hands-on learning on July 14, 2023; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighth-second Legislative Assembly, commemorate the 75th anni-
versary of Oregon Institute of Technology and congratulate Oregon Tech, the more than 20,000
Oregon Tech alumni and all Oregonians on this significant public milestone of service, leadership
and contributions to the State of Oregon. Go Owls!