

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

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2 Whereas after World War II, veterans returning home needed access to employment opportu-
3 nities and vocational rehabilitation; and

4 Whereas Oregon Vocational School's first classes were held on July 15, 1947, in a deactivated
5 Marine Corps hospital three miles northeast of Klamath Falls, under the direction of the university's
6 first president, Winston Purvine; and

7 Whereas on December 21, 1948, the State Board of Education voted to change the university's
8 name to Oregon Technical Institute, and it was also known as Oregon Tech; and

9 Whereas Oregon Tech's early curriculum included classes in automotive repair, baking and
10 commercial cooking, gun-smithing, clock and watch repair, refrigeration servicing, and many others;
11 and

12 Whereas in 1964, Oregon Tech moved to its newly constructed campus on a geothermal site
13 overlooking Upper Klamath Lake, beginning a decades-long commitment to resource preservation
14 and renewable energy; and

15 Whereas in 1966, Oregon Tech received authorization to grant bachelor's degrees and awarded
16 its first, a Bachelor of Technology in Engineering Technology; and

17 Whereas in 1973, Oregon Technical Institute was renamed Oregon Institute of Technology, but
18 the "Oregon Tech" moniker remains in use to this day; and

19 Whereas from its original campuses in Klamath Falls, Oregon Tech has expanded its education
20 and innovation programs to locations throughout Oregon and beyond, including the Portland-Metro
21 campus in Wilsonville, a Dental Hygiene educational site and clinic in Salem, the Oregon Manufac-
22 turing and Innovation Center in Scappoose, the Boeing Company in Seattle, and even further via
23 online programs; and

24 Whereas Oregon Tech now offers nearly 50 industry-focused undergraduate and graduate degree
25 programs in the areas of engineering, technology, health, business, applied arts and sciences and
26 related fields; and

27 Whereas Oregon Tech partners with high schools throughout Oregon to provide opportunities
28 for students to earn college credit while in high school; and

29 Whereas Oregon Tech is home to the Oregon Renewable Energy Center, an applied research
30 center created by the Legislative Assembly that promotes energy conservation and renewable en-
31 ergy use in Oregon and throughout the Pacific Northwest through applied research, educational

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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