

Enrolled Senate Bill 272

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to tuition equity; creating new provisions; amending ORS 353.123; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 353.123 is amended to read:

353.123. (1)(a) **Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection,** the Oregon Health and Science University Board of Directors may exempt a student who is not a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States[, *or who is a refugee, special immigrant visa holder or COFA islander,*] from paying nonresident tuition and fees for enrollment at Oregon Health and Science University consistent with policies adopted by the board or by university officials acting under authority of the board.

(b) A student who is a COFA islander and who has not previously established residence in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia other than Oregon shall qualify for exemption from nonresident tuition and fees for enrollment as an undergraduate student and as a graduate student in a degree program at Oregon Health and Science University.

(c) A student who is a refugee or special immigrant visa holder and who has not previously established residence in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia other than Oregon shall qualify for exemption from nonresident tuition and fees for enrollment as an undergraduate student and as a graduate student in a degree program at Oregon Health and Science University.

(2) A student who is not a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States, or who is a refugee, special immigrant visa holder or COFA islander, is eligible to receive scholarships and other financial aid from the university consistent with policies adopted by the board or university officials acting under the authority of the board.

(3) As used in this section, “COFA islander,” “refugee” and “special immigrant visa holder” have the meanings given those terms in ORS 352.287.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 353.123 by section 1 of this 2023 Act first apply to enrollment as an undergraduate student or a graduate student in a degree program during the 2023-2024 academic year.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Rob Wagner, President of Senate

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