

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 523

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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.

[Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission plan regarding applied baccalaureate degrees to include name and type of applied baccalaureate degrees to be conferred.]

[Requires applied baccalaureate degree in nursing to be conferred as "Bachelor of Science: Nursing."]

Authorizes community colleges to offer Bachelor of Science: Nursing degrees. Details requirements that must be met for Higher Education Coordinating Commission to approve community college request to offer Bachelor of Science: Nursing degree program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to degree programs; amending ORS 341.013.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 341.013 is amended to read:

5 341.013. (1) As used in this section[.]:

6 (a) "Applied baccalaureate degree" has the meaning given that term in ORS 348.910.

7 (b) **"Bachelor of Science: Nursing degree" means a post-licensure degree program in**
8 **which individuals who have already received an associate degree in nursing receive a**
9 **bachelor's degree in nursing.**

10 (2) A community college may offer applied baccalaureate degrees **and Bachelor of Science:**
11 **Nursing degrees** under the provisions of this section.

12 (3) For each applied baccalaureate degree program **or Bachelor of Science: Nursing degree**
13 **program** a community college wants to offer to its students, the community college shall submit to
14 the Higher Education Coordinating Commission:

15 (a) A description of the program to be offered;

16 (b) The method by which the program will be created, including any necessary accreditation by
17 the relevant accrediting agency;

18 (c) Documentation of local unmet workforce needs that would be addressed by offering the pro-
19 gram; and

20 (d) Documentation that the community college has the expertise, resources and student interest
21 necessary to make the program successful.

22 (4) A proposed applied baccalaureate degree program **or Bachelor of Science: Nursing degree**
23 **program** must be approved by the commission. The commission shall approve a proposed applied
24 baccalaureate degree program **or Bachelor of Science: Nursing degree program** if:

25 (a) The community college submits all of the information and documentation required under

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1 subsection (3) of this section; and

2 (b) The commission determines that the criteria set forth in ORS 350.075 (3)(g) are satisfied.

3 (5) The commission may adopt rules to implement this section.

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