

HB 2706-4  
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Requested by Representative SCHARF

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2706**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 3, after “ORS” insert “348.272 and”.

2 Delete lines 5 through 31 and delete page 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. ORS 350.300, as amended by section 2, chapter 42, Oregon**  
4 **Laws 2022, is amended to read:**

5 “350.300. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 341.290, 352.105 or 353.050, a student  
6 who is a current foster child or former foster child or a current homeless  
7 youth or former homeless youth, under 25 years of age and enrolled in  
8 courses totaling one or more credit hours at an institution of higher educa-  
9 tion as an undergraduate student shall have the amount of tuition and all  
10 fees levied against the student waived if attending an institution of higher  
11 education for purposes of pursuing an initial undergraduate degree.

12 “(2) A student is entitled to waiver of tuition and all fees under sub-  
13 section (1) of this section until the student has received the equivalent of  
14 four years of undergraduate education.

15 “(3) As a condition of receiving a tuition waiver for an academic year, the  
16 student must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student  
17 Aid (FAFSA) for that academic year.

18 “(4) A waiver of tuition and all fees under subsection (1) of this section  
19 may be reduced by the amount of any federal aid scholarships or grants, an  
20 award from the Oregon Opportunity Grant program established under ORS  
21 348.205 and any other aid received from the institution of higher education.

1 For the purposes of this subsection, ‘federal aid scholarships or grants’ does  
2 not include Chafee Educational and Training Voucher Program grants under  
3 42 U.S.C. 677.

4 “(5) As used in this section:

5 “(a) ‘Former foster child’ means an individual who, for **a total of 18 or**  
6 **more months while under 14 years of age or** a total of six or more months  
7 while between 14 and 21 years of age, was:

8 “(A) A ward of the court pursuant to ORS 419B.100 (1)(b) to (e), in the  
9 legal custody of the Department of Human Services for out-of-home place-  
10 ment [*and not dismissed from care before reaching 16 years of age*]; or

11 “(B) An Indian child subject to ORS 419B.600 to 419B.654, under the ju-  
12 risdiction of a tribal court for out-of-home placement [*and not dismissed from*  
13 *care before reaching 16 years of age*].

14 “(b) ‘Homeless youth’ means a person who:

15 “(A) Experienced homelessness for a total of six or more months while  
16 between 14 and 24 years of age;

17 “(B) While experiencing homelessness as described in subparagraph (A)  
18 of this paragraph, received services from an organization contracted by the  
19 Department of Human Services to provide services to homeless persons or  
20 from a host home, as defined by the department by rule; and

21 “(C) Was at least 16 years of age when the person last received the ser-  
22 vices described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

23 “(c) ‘Institution of higher education’ means:

24 “(A) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;

25 “(B) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341; [*or*]

26 “(C) **A career school, as defined in ORS 345.010; or**

27 “[*(C)*] **(D)** The Oregon Health and Science University.

28 “**SECTION 2.** ORS 348.272 is amended to read:

29 “348.272. (1) As used in this section:

30 “(a) ‘Former foster child’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 350.300.

- 1 “(b) ‘Institution of higher education’ means:  
2 “(A) A public university listed in ORS 352.002[,];  
3 “(B) The Oregon Health and Science University[,];  
4 “(C) **A career school, as defined in ORS 345.010;**  
5 “(D) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341; or  
6 “(E) An Oregon-based, regionally accredited independent institution.

7 “(2) In addition to any other scholarships provided by law, the Higher  
8 Education Coordinating Commission shall award scholarships to any indi-  
9 vidual applying for enrollment or enrolled in an institution of higher edu-  
10 cation who is a current foster child or former foster child.

11 “(3) Scholarships awarded under this section shall be in an amount to be  
12 determined by the commission based on the funds that are made available for  
13 the awarding year.

14 “(4) If a student who is a current foster child or former foster child con-  
15 tinues to remain enrolled in a public university listed in ORS 352.002, a  
16 community college or an Oregon-based, regionally accredited independent  
17 institution, the student is entitled to apply for renewal of the scholarship  
18 until the student has received the equivalent of four years of undergraduate  
19 education.

20 “(5) The Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion may  
21 require proof that a student is a current foster child or former foster child.

22 **“SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 348.272 and 350.300 by**  
23 **sections 1 and 2 of this 2023 Act apply to tuition and fees assessed on**  
24 **and after the effective date of this 2023 Act.”.**

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