

Requested by Representative MCINTIRE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3120**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “education” insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 9 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission**
5 **shall establish a pilot program at Portland State University and East-**
6 **ern Oregon University to enhance the hiring of public university stu-**
7 **dents by small businesses.**

8 **“(2) Under the pilot program:**

9 **“(a) One or more individuals designated as pilot program adminis-**
10 **trators at each participating public university shall register:**

11 **“(A) Full-time students at the participating public university who**
12 **wish to participate in the pilot program; and**

13 **“(B) Small businesses that wish to participate in the pilot program;**

14 **“(b) The pilot program administrators shall match full-time stu-**
15 **dents who register under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection with**
16 **small businesses that register under paragraph (a)(B) of this sub-**
17 **section and shall match each full-time student, to the degree practi-**
18 **cable, with a small business that operates in a field relevant to the**
19 **student’s course of study;**

20 **“(c) The small business shall employ each full-time student that it**
21 **is matched with for between 10 and 20 hours per week;**

1 “(d) The small business shall pay each employed full-time student
2 wages at an hourly rate not less than the Oregon minimum wage; and

3 “(e) For each academic term in which a full-time student is em-
4 ployed by a small business under this section, the student’s cost of
5 tuition at the participating public university shall be reduced by 20
6 percent.

7 “(3) If a full-time student who is employed by a small business un-
8 der the pilot program stops working for the small business during an
9 academic term:

10 “(a) The student shall continue to receive the discounted tuition
11 described in subsection (2)(e) of this section for that academic term;
12 and

13 “(b) The student may not participate in the pilot program during
14 the following academic term.

15 “(4) Each participating public university shall adopt policies relat-
16 ing to the administration of the pilot program, including but not lim-
17 ited to:

18 “(a) How full-time students and small businesses can apply to par-
19 ticipate in the pilot program;

20 “(b) The number of full-time students and small businesses that can
21 participate in the pilot program during each academic term; and

22 “(c) Subject to subsection (5)(b) of this section, the rate at which
23 the wages paid to full-time students by small businesses under this
24 section will be subsidized.

25 “(5) Participating public universities may use moneys appropriated
26 by the Legislative Assembly for the purposes of conducting the pilot
27 program:

28 “(a) To offset the reduction in tuition moneys received by partic-
29 ipating public universities resulting from the universities’ partic-
30 ipation in the pilot program;

1 **“(b) To reimburse small businesses that participate in the pilot**
2 **program no more than 50 percent of the amount the small businesses**
3 **paid in wages to full-time students who participate in the pilot pro-**
4 **gram; and**

5 **“(c) For expenses incurred by participating public universities in**
6 **administering the pilot program.**

7 **“(6) No later than September 15 of each year, each participating**
8 **public university shall evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program**
9 **described in this section and submit, in the manner provided by ORS**
10 **192.245, a report on the results of the evaluation to the interim com-**
11 **mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education.**

12 **“(7) As used in this section:**

13 **“(a) ‘Full-time student’ means a student who is enrolled in courses**
14 **totaling at least 12 academic credits in an academic term.**

15 **“(b) ‘Participating public university’ means:**

16 **“(A) Portland State University; or**

17 **“(B) Eastern Oregon University.**

18 **“(c) ‘Small business’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
19 **56.200.”.**

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