

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 1551**

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Including Senate Amendments dated February 16

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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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest: The Act allows certain people to get or keep a grant for college. (Flesch Readability Score: 83.0).**

*[Digest: The Act allows certain people to get a grant for college. (Flesch Readability Score: 80.3).]*

Waives the requirement that an otherwise eligible Oregon Promise grant recipient must have completed high school within six months of enrolling in certain community college courses for those individuals who completed high school or its equivalent *[in 2020 or 2021]* **during a specified period. Provides a similar waiver of continued eligibility requirements for existing grant recipients.** Applies the waiver to grants awarded in the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic years.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to the Oregon Promise program; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) For any person who otherwise meets the required criteria to be awarded**  
5 **a grant under ORS 341.522 (3), the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall waive**  
6 **the requirement set forth in ORS 341.522 (3)(d) if that person attained the person's highest**  
7 **level of education as described in ORS 341.522 (3)(c) between March 1, 2020, and February 28,**  
8 **2022, and did not enroll at any institution of higher education for more than one academic**  
9 **term.**

10 **(2) For any person who otherwise meets the required criteria to continue to be awarded**  
11 **a grant under ORS 341.522 (6)(a), the commission shall permit a one-time waiver of the re-**  
12 **quirement set forth in ORS 341.522 (6)(a)(C) if that person attained the person's highest level**  
13 **of education as described in ORS 341.522 (3)(c) between March 1, 2020, and February 28, 2022,**  
14 **and did not enroll at any institution of higher education for more than one academic term.**

15 **(3) A person who receives a waiver from the commission under subsection (1) of this**  
16 **section may not be eligible for a waiver from the commission under subsection (2) of this**  
17 **section.**

18 **(4) A waiver under subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall apply to applications for**  
19 **grants considered for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic years.**

20 **(5) The commission shall apply all other statutes, administrative rules and policies ap-**  
21 **plicable to grants awarded in 2024 and 2025 to any person who receives a waiver under sub-**  
22 **section (1) or (2) of this section.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1        **SECTION 2. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
2        **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect**  
3        **on its passage.**

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