

Requested by Senator NASH

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 785**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28 and delete page
2 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

4 **“(a) ‘Agriculture program’ includes any degree or nondegree pro-**
5 **gram of not more than one academic year in length that prepares an**
6 **individual to teach agriculture, rangeland, farming, forestry, natural**
7 **resources and other fields directly supporting agricultural and envi-**
8 **ronmental sectors and careers.**

9 **“(b) ‘Agriculture teacher’ includes any teacher of high school**
10 **courses in agriculture, rangeland, farming, forestry, natural resources**
11 **and other fields directly supporting agricultural and environmental**
12 **sectors and careers.**

13 **“(c) ‘Qualified student’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
14 **348.180.**

15 **“(2) The Agriculture Education Scholarship Program is established**
16 **within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.**

17 **“(3) In addition to any other form of student financial aid author-**
18 **ized by law, the commission may award grants to any qualified student**
19 **under the program established under this section in accordance with**
20 **rules adopted by the commission.**

21 **“(4) A qualified student is eligible to receive a grant awarded under**

1 the program established under this section if the qualified student is
2 enrolled in a qualified agriculture program that will prepare the stu-
3 dent to be an agriculture teacher in a high school in this state.

4 “(5) A grant awarded under this section to a qualified student may
5 not be for more than the equivalent of the cost of one full-time aca-
6 demic year in the agriculture program.

7 “(6) The commission shall adopt rules for the implementation and
8 administration of this section. At minimum, the rules adopted under
9 this subsection must:

10 “(a) Establish a process to identify agriculture programs that would
11 qualify for the program established under this section; and

12 “(b) Determine the criteria for awarding a grant under this section
13 to any qualified student.

14 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act first applies to the 2026-2027
15 academic year.

16 “SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coor-
17 dinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of
18 the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of admin-
19 istering the program established in section 1 of this 2025 Act.”.

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