

House Bill 2907

Sponsored by Representative REARDON, Senator GORSEK; Representative WILDE (Presession filed.)

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 **as introduced**.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for Community College Support Fund for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development for purpose of addressing inequities in educational attainment among systemically marginalized communities and to support innovation and best practices.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to state financial administration; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas community colleges are the only sector of public post-secondary education that serves
4 any student regardless of education and skill level; and

5 Whereas community colleges are essential education and service providers for the very com-
6 munities hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic and the recession that followed; and

7 Whereas community colleges serve the largest number of underrepresented and first-generation
8 students of any sector of Oregon post-secondary education; and

9 Whereas community colleges are critical providers of career and technical education, workforce
10 training and short-term certificates; and

11 Whereas community colleges serve as a bridge between high schools and a four-year degree; and

12 Whereas community colleges provide General Educational Development (GED) programs and are
13 major partners in offering college-level course to high school students; and

14 Whereas cuts to the Community College Support Fund have a direct impact on students by
15 forcing colleges to cut programs, raise tuition or implement some combination of both; and

16 Whereas community colleges educate and train the skilled workforce that local businesses and
17 job seekers need to thrive; now, therefore,

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

19 **SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for**
20 **the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$702 million for**
21 **deposit into the Community College Support Fund established under ORS 341.620 for distrib-**
22 **ution to community colleges and community college service districts.**

23 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for**
24 **the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$35 million for**
25 **the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development for the purpose of addressing**
26 **inequities in educational attainment among systemically marginalized communities and to**
27 **support innovation and best practices.**

28 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

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 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
2 **July 1, 2021.**

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