

House Bill 3335

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK, Senators DEMBROW, GELSER, ROBLAN; Representatives GALLEGOS, MCKEOWN, NEARMAN, REARDON, WHISNANT, Senators BEYER, HASS, KNOPP, KRUSE

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**.

Requires public universities to work with Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish General Education Credential for students who complete lower division graduation credits but do not complete course credits required for bachelor's degree.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to university degree programs; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Each public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall work with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish a General Education Credential for each course of study or major offered by the university.

(2) A General Education Credential established under this section must be made available to any student who:

(a) Has satisfactorily completed lower division graduation requirement course credits comparable to course credits that would have entitled the student to receive an associate degree if the student had attended a community college;

(b) Has not reenrolled at the university to take additional courses necessary for the student to receive a bachelor's degree; and

(c) Requests that the university award the student a General Education Credential.

(3) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission and each public university listed in ORS 352.002 may issue rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. Each public university listed in ORS 352.002 must first offer the General Education Credential required under section 1 of this 2015 Act no later than the 2017-2018 academic year.

SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.