



## Vocational Rehabilitation Tracked Bills

Report Date: May 14, 2019

Bill Name

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### HB 2018

Relating to education; declaring an emergency.

Directs Department of Education to conduct study to determine adequacy of public education in state.  
Directs department to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020.  
Sunsets December 31, 2020.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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### HB 2019

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Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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### HB 2211

Relating to persons with disabilities.

*<i>Directs Department of Human Services to study issues and identify barriers relating to employment of persons with disabilities and report results of study to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to human services on or before February 1, 2021.</i>*

**<b>Includes disabled veteran as person who may apply to Oregon Business Development Department for loan approval.</b>**

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### HB 2212

Relating to employees with disabilities.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for purposes of providing financial assistance to state agencies that provide workplace accommodations for employees with **<b>physical </b>disabilities.**  
Permits department to adopt rules for administering grants.

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### HB 2307

Relating to safety of career and technical education spaces; declaring an emergency.

Directs Department of Education to conduct study related to safety of career and technical education spaces.  
Directs department to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020.  
Sunsets December 31, 2020.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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### HB 2308

Relating to accelerated college credit programs.

Directs school districts to report participation and completion rates of accelerated college credit programs.

Directs Department of Education and Higher Education Coordinating Commission to post online information about participation and completion rates of accelerated college credit programs and about transferability of credits earned through those programs.

Directs commission to develop statewide standards for transferability of accelerated college credit program credits, and requires school districts, community college and public universities to follow standards.

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### HB 2310

Relating to a workforce development pilot program; declaring an emergency.

Establishes Prosperity 1,000 Pilot Program to provide career coaching, occupational training and job placement services for at least 1,000 low-income job seekers residing in areas of concentrated poverty.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for biennium beginning July 1, 2019.

Sunsets January 2, 2024.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.



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#### [HB 2313](#)

Relating to employees with disabilities; prescribing an effective date.

Requires employers who are authorized to pay subminimum wages to individuals with disabilities to pay certain wage rates until June 30, 2023. Requires employers to pay individuals with disabilities at minimum wage rate by July 1, 2023.

Lowers percentage of work hours of direct labor required for nonprofit organization to meet definition of "qualified nonprofit agency for individuals with disabilities."

Requires Oregon Department of Administrative Services to promote public agency compliance with requirements and objectives of provisions regarding qualified nonprofit agencies for individuals with disabilities.

Creates income tax credit for certain employers to defray costs of increasing wages paid to employees with disabilities. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2024, and to wages paid before July 1, 2023.

Makes conforming changes.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### [HB 2349](#)

Relating to child care providers; declaring an emergency.

Directs Early Learning Division to establish child care provider business training program. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to division for program.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to division for small grant program to assist child care providers with costs associated with providing quality child care.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

#### [HB 2385](#)

Relating to the use of state moneys for career and technical education; declaring an emergency.

Allows school district with remote small high school to use moneys received under High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Act on existing career and technical education programs.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### [HB 2406](#)

Relating to workers' compensation coverage for certain trainees.

Clarifies scope of workers' compensation coverage for trainees who participate in certain work experience programs or school directed professional education projects.

#### [HB 2413](#)

Relating to vocational training benefits related to workers' compensation claim.

Provides that injured worker is eligible for vocational assistance unless average weekly wage exceeds 95 percent of weekly wage paid for employment in which worker was engaged at time of injury. Includes value of employer-paid health insurance benefits in definition of earned income for purposes of determining whether worker is entitled to vocational rehabilitation because worker cannot engage in suitable employment. Provides that for purposes of determining suitable employment, worker's weekly wage must be at least 95 percent of the average weekly wage paid for employment that was worker's regular employment.

Provides that if insurer or self-insured employer approves training program for worker who actively engages in training, insurer or self-insured employer shall pay temporary disability compensation for entire time during which worker is engaged in training program, up to maximum of 21 months.

#### [HB 2453](#)

Relating to workforce development plan for the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region.

Directs Oregon Business Development Department to develop workforce development plan to communicate advantages of Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region in order to encourage people to move to and work in region. Requires department to submit workforce development plan to interim legislative committees related to economic development on or before September 15, 2020.



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#### [HB 2551](#)

Relating to workforce assistance to veterans in construction industry; declaring an emergency.

Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement one or more pilot programs statewide to provide training, job placement services, financial assistance, technical support and business creation assistance to veterans in construction and construction materials industries.

Requires report to Legislative Assembly regarding status of pilot programs by September 15, 2020.

Sunsets pilot programs on December 31, 2021.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

#### [HB 2559](#)

Relating to tax credits for employing youth workers; prescribing an effective date.

Creates income tax credit for employing youth workers.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2025.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### [HB 2644](#)

Relating to a pilot program for the delivery of youth development services.

Directs Youth Development Division to administer pilot program to coordinate delivery of youth development services through Youth Development Hubs.

Requires division to submit reports on pilot program to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to education.

Sunsets pilot program on December 31, 2025.

#### [HB 2732](#)

Relating to tax credit for employing students; prescribing an effective date.

Creates income tax credit for employing up to three students enrolled in at least four credit hours in institution of higher education.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2025.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### [HB 2742](#)

Relating to the education workforce; declaring an emergency.

Directs Department of Education to distribute grants for purpose of developing and diversifying education workforce for prekindergarten through grade 12.

Establishes Next Generation Educator Recruitment and Development Account. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to account.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

#### [HB 2757](#)

Relating to income tax subtractions for student loan payments; prescribing an effective date.

Allows personal income and corporate excise taxpayers to subtract from taxable income amounts paid as principal of or interest on qualified education loans, if borrower is taxpayer or spouse, or dependent or employee of taxpayer. Reduces amount of allowed subtraction by amounts of interest deducted on federal return.

Applies to interest paid in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2025.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### [HB 2778](#)

Relating to statement of cost of compliance effect on small businesses.

Directs state agencies to consult with Office of Small Business Assistance in preparing statement of cost of compliance effect on small businesses as part of rulemaking process.

Places provisions relating to statement of cost of compliance effect on small businesses in correct series.



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### HB 2818

Relating to employment discrimination.

Clarifies meaning of "because of age" in employment discrimination law.

Designates as unlawful employment practice for employer to seek age of applicant prior to making conditional offer of employment and to include certain words or phrases in job application that suggest or imply age preferences.

Permits employer to observe terms of bona fide seniority system that does not require employee to retire at certain age.

Allows person to bring civil action alleging certain types of employment discrimination under disparate impact or disparate treatment theory of proof.

Requires additional award of liquidated damages to prevailing plaintiff in civil action alleging age discrimination.

### HB 2820

Relating to interest-only loans to assist small businesses to increase employment.

Establishes Local Markets Small Business Capital Loan Program to be administered by Oregon Business Development Department for purpose of making interest-only loans to allow businesses with not more than 50 employees to hire new employees. Requires payment of principal plus penalty for failure to hire and retain employees for at least two years.

Establishes Local Markets Small Business Capital Loan Fund for purpose of administering loan program.

Appropriates moneys to department for purpose of administering loan program and loan fund.

### HB 2823

Relating to a tax credit for educator classroom expenses; prescribing an effective date.

Creates income tax credit for unreimbursed expenses of certain public school teachers and adjunct instructors.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

### HB 2825

Relating to loans to certain veterans enrolled in higher education.

Establishes Oregon Educational and Workforce Development Bridge Loan Program in Department of Veterans' Affairs to conduct outreach and provide forgivable loans to veterans and disabled veterans who are enrolled in approved course of study, approved professional training, approved workforce development program, or approved apprenticeship in connection with institution of higher education, and who are eligible to receive federal educational aid or other financial assistance that is temporarily unavailable.

Establishes Oregon Educational and Workforce Development Bridge Loan Program Fund.

Authorizes Director of Veterans' Affairs to use moneys in Veterans' Educational Aid Account for purposes of program.

### HB 2826

Relating to the Oregon Disabilities Commission.

Repeals definitions applicable to Oregon Disabilities Commission. Removes cap on number of terms that may be served by members of commission. Requires Governor to consider recommendations for appointments to commission from disability advocacy and support groups and both agencies and organizations.

### HB 2827

Relating to Oregon Project Independence.

Repeals limitations on eligibility of persons who are 18 years of age or older who have physical disabilities to receive benefits from Oregon Project Independence.

### HB 2872

Relating to colleges; prescribing an effective date.

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to conduct study to determine best method for ensuring that courses offered at community colleges correspond with local workforce needs.

Requires commission to report findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to higher education on or before September 15, 2020.

Sunsets January 2, 2021.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.



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#### [HB 2889](#)

Relating to methods of paying for post-secondary education; prescribing an effective date.

Creates Guaranteed Opportunity Program. Requires Office of Student Access and Completion to administer program. Requires State Workforce and Talent Development Board to monitor program every two years and make recommendations to Legislative Assembly on whether modifications are necessary to enhance state's workforce needs. Establishes that program becomes operative on January 1, 2039.

Establishes Guaranteed Opportunity Program Implementation Fund.

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission, on effective date of Act, to begin process of developing policy and rules necessary to implement Guaranteed Opportunity Program. Requires commission to submit report regarding progress on development of policy and rules to committees relating to public finance and higher education during 2020 and 2021 regular sessions of Legislative Assembly.

Establishes Task Force on Implementing Guaranteed Opportunity Program. Requires task force to determine amount of money program will need to raise through bonding, determine which current grant and scholarship programs should be repealed on operative date of Guaranteed Opportunity Program and analyze methods for preventing bad faith participation of individuals in program.

Sunsets task force on December 31, 2020.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### [HB 2905](#)

Relating to funding for the High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Fund; declaring an emergency.

Appropriates to Department of Education for deposit in High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Fund amount prescribed to be deposited under High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Act (Ballot Measure 98 (2016)).

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

#### [HB 2910](#)

Relating to the Oregon Promise program.

Requires that for person who completes prior educational requirements to participate in Oregon Promise program while *incarcerated or detained* confined in correctional facility, six-month period to enroll in courses to participate in program begins after person is first released from correctional facility *person's period of incarceration or detention has ended*.

Authorizes Higher Education Coordinating Commission to waive requirement that person enrolled in program must enroll in sufficient number of credit hours to be considered at least half-time student, under specified circumstances.

#### [HB 2928](#)

Relating to statements before legislative committees.

Requires that statements made by certain witnesses to committee of Legislative Assembly be made under oath and therefore subject to crime of false swearing.

#### [HB 2967](#)

Relating to career and technical education; declaring an emergency.

Directs Department of Education to conduct study to identify sources of stable and sustainable funding for career and technical education programs.

Directs department to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020.

Sunsets December 31, 2020.

Directs Department of Education to award grants to enable school districts to provide courses in computer science as part of career and technical education program. Prescribes requirements for grants.

Declares emergency, effective on passage July 1, 2019.



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### [HB 2976](#)

Relating to regulation of post-secondary institutions of education.

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission and Department of Veterans' Affairs to adopt by rule additional minimum standards regarding source of tuition revenue for licensing of career schools that receive \$10 million or more in annual revenue or that are subsidiary with parent company and schools authorized to confer degrees. Establishes different criteria for career schools and schools authorized to confer degrees that collect \$1 million or more in annual gross tuition revenue.

Establishes civil penalty for violation of standards.

### [HB 2985](#)

Relating to the provision of occupational therapy to students.

Directs State Board of Education to adopt by rule standards for provision of occupational therapy to students who have individualized education programs.

Becomes operative July 1, 2020.

### [HB 2999](#)

Relating to disability parking permits.

Directs Department of Transportation to issue up to two individual disability parking placards or decals upon request.

### [HB 3038](#)

Relating to post-secondary student financial aid; declaring an emergency.

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish Oregon work study pilot program to assist post-secondary students. Sunsets program on January 2, 2023.

Directs commission to conduct study on post-secondary students' access to basic necessities and submit report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to higher education no later than September 15, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

### [HB 3070](#)

Relating to higher education financial aid.

Extends maximum period Oregon Opportunity Grant may be renewed from equivalent of four full-time undergraduate years to equivalent of six full-time undergraduate years.

Authorizes Higher Education Coordinating Commission to award additional moneys to Oregon Opportunity Grant recipients who can demonstrate that they experienced new economic hardship after grant was awarded.

### [HB 3101](#)

Relating to university shared services; declaring an emergency.

Extends from July 1, 2019, to July 1, 2023, period of time public universities must provide scope and value of specified employee benefits.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

### [HB 3122](#)

Relating to centers for independent living.

Requires Department of Human Services to request in agency request budget and Governor to include in Governor's budget specified amount of General Fund moneys for distribution to centers for independent living.

Sunsets July 1, 2029.

### [HB 3126](#)

Relating to district equity plans.

Directs school district to develop and annually review district equity plan. Prescribes requirements of plan.



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[HB 3142](#)

Relating to disclosure of information by post-secondary institutions of education.

Requires each post-secondary institution of education that operates in Oregon and enrolls students who receive federal financial aid or state financial aid to provide specified data on current and former students to Higher Education Coordinating Commission. Requires commission to make data publicly accessible in easy to understand format.

[HB 3189](#)

Relating to assessment of workload impact created by policy changes.

Requires Department of Human Services to assess and quantify workload impacts of specified policy changes.

[HB 3256](#)

Relating to experiential learning; declaring an emergency.

Directs Department of Education to study insurance policies related to interns. Defines "intern." Requires report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to education.

Sunsets December 31, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

[HB 3257](#)

Relating to experiential learning; declaring an emergency.

Directs State Board of Education to adopt by rule policy and process for criminal records checks of certain persons who are not employed by school districts but who may have direct, unsupervised contact with school children in two or more school districts.

Authorizes Bureau of Labor and Industries to issue permit to authorize child under 18 years of age to engage in employment otherwise prohibited by law if child successfully completed professional training for employment.

Directs Department of Education to conduct study to determine method for providing unified insurance policy to cover students participating in experiential learning program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

[HB 3276](#)

Relating to tax credits for veterans' student loan payments; prescribing an effective date.

Creates credit against income taxes for amounts paid by veteran as principal or interest on qualified education loans.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2025.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

[HB 3322](#)

Relating to a tax credit for apprenticeships; prescribing an effective date.

Creates income tax credit for taxpayers that provide apprenticeship opportunities.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2026.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

[HB 3391](#)

Relating to career and technical student organizations; declaring an emergency.

Directs Department of Education to coordinate with Oregon career and technical student organizations in support of organizations.

Establishes grant program for purpose of allowing school districts to provide summer career and technical student organization courses.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

[HB 3409](#)

Relating to behavior related to interscholastic activities; declaring an emergency.

Limits authority of school district to become member of voluntary organization that administers interscholastic activities or that facilitates scheduling and programming of interscholastic activities unless organization addresses specified behavior.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.



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### HB 3427

Relating to education funding; prescribing an effective date; providing for revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths majority.

<i>Directs Department of Education to conduct study to examine best methods for funding state's system of kindergarten through grade 12 public education.</i>

<i>Directs department to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020.</i>

<b>Establishes Fund for Student Success. Specifies uses of fund, including transfers to State School Fund, Student Investment Account, Statewide Education Initiatives Account and Early Learning Account.

<b>Directs moneys to be transferred to State School Fund from Fund for Student Success. Increases fiscal year limit for transfers from State School Fund to High Cost Disabilities Account.

<b>Establishes Student Investment Account for purpose of distributing grants to school districts and certain public charter schools. Prescribes allowed uses for grant moneys, grant application requirements, inclusion of performance growth targets into grant agreements, calculation of grant amounts and accountability measures. Directs Department of Education to provide technical assistance related to grants, including coaching programs for grant recipients that did not meet performance growth targets and intensive program for high needs school districts. Directs department to make annual report to committees of Legislative Assembly related to education.

<b>Establishes Statewide Education Initiatives Account. Prescribes allowed uses of account. Provides for expansion of school breakfast and lunch programs, operation of youth reengagement system, establishment of Statewide School Safety and Prevention System, development and provision of statewide equity initiatives, provision of summer learning program for certain schools and funding for early warning system for high school graduation and directs Department of Education to fund those programs through account. Directs department and Educator Advancement Council to develop plan funded by account that would provide effective combination of programs and initiatives for professional development of educators.

<b>Establishes Early Learning Account. Prescribes allowed uses of account. Establishes Early Childhood Equity Fund. Provides for early childhood support grant program, to be funded by account.

<b>Decreases personal income tax rates. Imposes corporate activity tax, to be measured by commercial activity, defined as total amount arising from person's transactions and activity in regular course of business. Exempts persons with taxable commercial activity of \$1 million or less. Defines additional excluded persons exempt from corporate activity tax. Allows subtraction for percentage of taxpayer's cost inputs or labor costs. Includes provision for sourcing of commercial activity to state. Requires persons and unitary groups with commercial activity above threshold to register with Department of Revenue. Preempts local government imposition of taxes upon commercial activity or receipts from grocery sales, other than existing taxes. Transfers net revenues from corporate activity tax to Fund for Student Success. Defines terms.

<b>Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

<b>Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.</b>

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### SB 2

Relating to employment opportunities in eastern Oregon.

Allows listed eastern Oregon counties that undertake economic opportunity analysis to designate up to 50 acres outside urban growth boundaries for industrial and other employment uses notwithstanding statewide planning goals related to agriculture, forest use or urbanization. Excludes high-value farmland. Requires county coordination with State Forester and nearby cities.

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### SB 3

Relating to community colleges offering baccalaureate degrees.

Permits community colleges to offer applied baccalaureate degree programs under specified conditions and upon receiving approval from Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

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### SB 35

Relating to veterans.

Exempts Department of Veterans' Affairs from requirement to include vouchers for disbursements with conservator's accounting to court.

<b>Increases amount that campus veteran resources grant recipient may use to pay salary of campus veteran resource coordinator.</b>

Makes permanent campus veteran resources grant programs.



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### SB 82

Relating to supportive services for registered apprenticeship programs.

Directs Bureau of Labor and Industries to establish program to provide supportive services for preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs in this state.

Directs Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries to establish fee to be paid by certain public agencies that award public works contracts subject to prevailing wage laws.

Establishes State Apprenticeship and Training Supportive Services Fund.

### SB 83

Relating to payment of the cost of medical examinations used as a basis for employment decisions.

Expands prohibition against requiring employee to pay cost of medical examination as condition of employment to include consideration for employment. Extends prohibition to cover job applicants and prospective employees.

### SB 118

Relating to workforce development.

Directs Bureau of Labor and Industries to study issues relating to workforce development and report results of study to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to business and labor on or before February 1, 2021.

### SB 120

Relating to employment.

Directs Bureau of Labor and Industries to study issues relating to employment and report results of study to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to business and labor on or before February 1, 2021.

### SB 230

Relating to disclosure of contact information of veterans.

Permits Department of Veterans' Affairs to disclose names and electronic mail addresses of veterans to certain committees of Legislative Assembly. Permits members and staff members of committee to use such information only to communicate with veterans for legislative purposes. Prohibits other use or disclosure.

### SB 236

Relating to prior authorization for insurance reimbursement of rehabilitative services.

Prohibits policy or certificate of health insurance from requiring prior authorization for coverage of specified treatment by participating physical or occupational therapist if treatment is medically necessary and falls within quantitative treatment limits of policy or certificate.

### SB 243

Relating to study of effects of employment discrimination on overall veteran unemployment rate; declaring an emergency.

Requires Department of Veterans' Affairs to conduct study to determine effects of employment discrimination against veterans on overall veteran unemployment rate in this state. Requires department to evaluate information gathered and make findings and recommendations including, but not limited to, training and outreach to provide job-related assistance to veterans.

Requires department to report findings and recommendations for legislation to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to veterans no later than September 15, 2020.

Sunsets on December 31, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

### SB 264

Relating to community-based youth development programs; declaring an emergency.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Youth Development Division to provide grants to certain community-based youth development programs.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.



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### SB 265

Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for purpose of awarding grants under Career and Technical Education Revitalization Grant Program.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for deposit in Community College Support Fund for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts for career and technical education programs.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

### SB 266

Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency.

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.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

### SB 332

Relating to veterans' preference in public employment; declaring an emergency.

*In law providing that, if interview is element of hiring process for civil service position, public employer must interview each veteran who meets minimum and special qualifications for position, eliminates requirement that veteran possess transferable skills from military experience or education and eliminates exception for public employer that conducts interview only for selection of candidate from eligibility list.*

**Provides that, when interview is element of process of selecting candidate for civil service position from eligibility list, public employer must interview each veteran applicant who meets qualifications for position and shows transferable skills if duties of position are performed by only one person within public employer's organization.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

### SB 344

Relating to funding job training opportunities; declaring an emergency.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to State Workforce and Talent Development Board for distribution to local workforce development boards. Requires moneys to be used to enhance job training opportunities.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

### SB 345

Relating to an appropriation in support of job training opportunities; declaring an emergency.

Appropriates moneys for distribution to State Workforce and Talent Development Board and local workforce development boards for expenditure, in accordance with federal workforce legislation, in support of job training opportunities.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

### SB 494

Relating to employment of individuals with disabilities; prescribing an effective date.

Requires employers who are authorized to pay subminimum wages to individuals with disabilities to pay certain wage rates until June 30, 2023. Requires employers to pay individuals with disabilities at minimum wage rate by July 1, 2023.

Removes individuals with disabilities from category of persons for whom employers may pay subminimum wage.

Lowers, over period of time, percentage of work hours of direct labor required for nonprofit organization to meet definition of "qualified nonprofit agency for individuals with disabilities."

Requires Oregon Department of Administrative Services to promote public agency compliance with requirements and objectives of provisions regarding qualified nonprofit agencies for individuals with disabilities.

**Modifies conditions required in contract between public agency or qualified nonprofit agency for individuals with disabilities and successor service provider.**

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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[SB 562](#)

Relating to a tax credit for workforce expansion; prescribing an effective date.

Creates income tax credit for taxpayers that expand workforce with positions that pay above average wage by 10 percent or more in tax year.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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[SB 620](#)

Relating to tax credits for interest paid on qualified education loans; prescribing an effective date.

Creates credit against income taxes for amounts paid as interest on qualified education loans.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2026.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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[SB 681](#)

Relating to supported decision-making agreements.

**Permits person to enter into oral or written supported decision-making agreement and provides scope of valid agreement. Prescribes optional form of written supported decision-making agreement. Limits liability of supporter acting under authority granted in statutory form or written supported decision-making agreement and. Limits liability of individuals relying on supporter's authority under statutory form or written supported decision-making agreement utilizing optional form of agreement.**

Requires court to consider supported decision-making as less restrictive alternative to protective proceeding.

Modifies notice requirements in protective proceedings to require that notice be provided to supporters under supported decision-making agreement.

Requires certain disclosures before professional supporter may enter into supported decision-making agreement.

**Directs school district to provide child with disability and child's parents with information regarding supported decision-making.**

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[SB 717](#)

Relating to a tax credit for contributions to higher education savings accounts; prescribing an effective date.

Establishes refundable credit against personal income taxes for contributions to higher education savings network account.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2026.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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[SB 730](#)

Relating to transfer of academic credits; declaring an emergency.

**Integrates foundational curricula and unified statewide transfer agreements into Transfer Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.**

**Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to develop standards for minimizing complexity of unified statewide transfer agreements and to develop processes for resolving requests for variances to unified statewide transfer agreements or disputes over what courses are included in unified statewide transfer agreements. Requires commission to annually report to committees of Legislative Assembly on number, nature and determinations reached regarding requests for variances to unified statewide transfer agreements or disputes over courses to be included in unified statewide transfer agreements.**

Requires Higher Education Coordinating commission to establish advisory committee to advise commission staff on designing standards to implement Transfer Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities and developing electronic system for disseminating information regarding foundational curricula and unified statewide transfer agreements.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.



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### [SB 790](#)

Relating to individual development accounts; prescribing an effective date.

Increases total amount allowed in tax year to all taxpayers as tax credits for donations to fiduciary organizations for distribution to individual development accounts. Increases maximum percentage of taxpayer donation for which credit may be allowed. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2022.

Updates and makes technical corrections to statutes governing individual development accounts.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

### [SB 811](#)

Relating to cost of attending post-secondary institutions of education for natural children of foster parents.

Provides tuition and fee remission for natural child of foster parent if natural child attends institution of higher education. Bases remission percentage on aggregate number of years foster parent provided foster home to one or more foster children.