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SUMMARY

Approves Proposed and Final Order of Higher Education Coordinating Commission dated December 12, 2019, transferring northernmost portion of Lake County from Central Oregon Community Service District to Klamath Community College Service District. Clarifies that transferred area remains liable for its share of debt of Central Oregon Community College Service District that exists at time of transfer.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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Relating to boundaries of community college districts; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the northernmost portion of Lake County (territory) is currently being served by distance learning technology offered by Klamath Community College Service District (KCC); and

Whereas residents who attended required public hearings believed that KCC offers programming that is more aligned with the educational needs of the territory than that offered by the Central Oregon Community College Service District (COCC); and

Whereas Lake County has a current contractual relationship with KCC and the Lakeview Educational Service District has a positive relationship with KCC; and

Whereas COCC does not have current plans to increase or improve the educational services provided by COCC to the territory; and

Whereas the current community college district boundaries are not aligned with the current contracts, relationships and interests of the terri-

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 tory; and

2 Whereas the COCC Board of Directors has taken formal action to support
3 the transition; and

4 Whereas the tax liability of residents of the territory will decrease with-
5 out any loss in educational services, as the KCC mill rate is currently lower
6 than the COCC mill rate; now, therefore,

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

8 **SECTION 1. (1) Pursuant to ORS 341.565, the Eighty-first Legislative**
9 **Assembly approves the changes to the boundaries of the Central**
10 **Oregon Community College Service District and Klamath Community**
11 **College Service District set forth in the Proposed and Final Order of**
12 **the Higher Education Coordinating Commission dated December 12,**
13 **2019.**

14 **(2) Notwithstanding ORS 341.575, the territory that is transferred**
15 **from the Central Oregon Community College Service District to the**
16 **Klamath Community College Service District under this section re-**
17 **mains liable for the transferred territory's share of the debt of the**
18 **Central Oregon Community College Service District that exists at the**
19 **time of the transfer.**

20 **SECTION 2. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
21 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
22 **clared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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