

House Bill 2472

Sponsored by Representative RESCHKE, Senators JOHNSON, LINTHICUM; Representatives MOORE-GREEN, NEARMAN, NERON, ZIKA, Senator FREDERICK (Pre-session 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**.

Designates Oregon Institute of Technology as Oregon's Polytechnic University.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to Oregon Institute of Technology.

3 Whereas Oregon Institute of Technology ("Oregon Tech") was founded in 1947, at a time of
4 spectacular growth in technology, to assist returning World War II veterans in acquiring skills to
5 reenter the workforce; and

6 Whereas Oregon Tech, as a technological university, expanded its mission over the ensuing
7 decades to provide innovative undergraduate and graduate professionally focused degree programs
8 in the areas of engineering, health, business, technology, computer science and applied arts and
9 sciences to meet the needs of industry and this state; and

10 Whereas Oregon Tech offers statewide educational opportunities and technical expertise to meet
11 the current and emerging needs of Oregonians as well as other national and international constitu-
12 ents; and

13 Whereas Oregon Tech is a career-focused undergraduate and graduate university that combines
14 applied learning with a liberal arts education, including critical thinking, complex problem solving
15 and communication and leadership skills; and

16 Whereas Oregon Tech employs faculty who were industry practitioners and who are still en-
17 gaged in their fields, and this faculty imparts their current experiences in innovation and profes-
18 sional expertise to students in unique degree programs that are valued by industries; and

19 Whereas, throughout their time at the university, Oregon Tech students work in multidiscipli-
20 nary and interdisciplinary teams, engage in project management processes and develop to be
21 career-ready professionals; and

22 Whereas Oregon Tech provides its students with a hands-on, professionally focused education
23 and project-based learning that emphasizes innovation, scholarship and applied research; and

24 Whereas Oregon Tech engages its students in experiential learning in its courses, including
25 internships, externships, community-based programming and other applied practices; and

26 Whereas Oregon Tech encourages creativity and solving real-world problems to improve and
27 enhance student learning outcomes and prepare students for career achievement the day they
28 graduate; and

29 Whereas Oregon Tech consistently achieves remarkably successful rates of employment and
30 starting and lifetime salaries for its graduates; and

31 Whereas Oregon Tech, as industry's university and as a polytechnic institution, is a surrogate

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1 lab for industries and their innovative ecosystems with a focus on the progressive management of
2 intellectual property and on working with industry in advanced technologies on actual commercial
3 projects; and

4 Whereas Oregon Tech collaborates closely with industry and other education institutions
5 throughout this state and the region to prepare a skilled workforce and to advance economic de-
6 velopment across this state; and

7 Whereas Oregon Tech founded, with authorization from the Legislative Assembly, the Oregon
8 Renewable Energy Center (OREC) with a mission to develop and promote renewable energy inno-
9 vations through applied research, academic degree programs and industry training; and

10 Whereas Oregon Tech is proud to serve as the founding host institution for Oregon Manufac-
11 turing Innovation Center Research & Development (OMIC), which strengthens industry ties, en-
12 hances applied research and connects students with innovative technology and industry practices;
13 and

14 Whereas Oregon Tech values and prepares students from diverse backgrounds for diverse
15 workforce experiences that ensure a global citizenry; and

16 Whereas Oregon Tech strives to achieve global recognition among polytechnic universities, to
17 be recognized as industry’s university and to nurture the leaders of tomorrow; now, therefore,

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

19 **SECTION 1. Oregon Institute of Technology is designated and shall be known as Oregon’s**
20 **Polytechnic University.**

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