

# House Bill 2754

Sponsored by Representative GARRARD, Senator WHITSETT; Representative GILMAN (at the request of Oregon Institute of Technology)

## 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**.

Creates Oregon Center for Health Professions within Department of Higher Education, to be administered by Oregon Institute of Technology.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to Oregon Center for Health Professions.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "allied health" means the delivery of health care**  
5 **or related services by a health care professional who is not a physician or a nurse, but who**  
6 **has received a professional certificate or a degree from a community college or an institution**  
7 **of higher education in a science related to health care. The services provided may include,**  
8 **but are not limited to:**

9 (a) **Identification, evaluation and prevention of disease;**

10 (b) **Diet and nutrition;**

11 (c) **Health promotion;**

12 (d) **Physical and mental rehabilitation; and**

13 (e) **Health systems management.**

14 (2) **There is created within the Department of Higher Education the Oregon Center for**  
15 **Health Professions. The Oregon Center for Health Professions shall be administered by the**  
16 **Oregon Institute of Technology.**

17 (3) **The purposes of the Oregon Center for Health Professions are to:**

18 (a) **Provide continued development of bachelor's degree level education programs in areas**  
19 **of allied health;**

20 (b) **Facilitate the creation of new partnerships between the health care industry and**  
21 **community colleges and state institutions of higher education in order to increase the num-**  
22 **ber of students and graduates in allied health education programs;**

23 (c) **Provide continuing education, professional development and certificate programs for**  
24 **allied health care professionals; and**

25 (d) **Examine the relationship between Oregon Health and Science University and its**  
26 **health care industry partners in order to develop courses of study for allied health education**  
27 **programs that complement the needs of the health care industry.**

28 (4) **The Department of Higher Education may receive moneys from any public or private**  
29 **source to support the Oregon Center for Health Professions. Gifts and grants received to**  
30 **support the Oregon Center for Health Professions shall be credited to the appropriate fund**  
31 **at the Oregon Institute of Technology by the Department of Higher Education.**

**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.

