

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Clem, Dallum, Greenlick, Komp, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley

Nays: Krummel

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/23 (Education Committee in Ashland), 4/02 (Higher Education Subcommittee), 4/06

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases number of directors appointed to State Board of Higher Education from one to two members. Reapportions representation of faculty at public institutions of higher education between these two members.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Representation for regional universities on State Board of Higher Education
- Even-numbered board vs. odd-numbered board
- Faculty members prohibited from participating in board discussions on collective bargaining issues
- Number of student members vs. number of faculty members
- Statewide perspective and specific delineated representation on board
- Possible inclusion of Oregon State University Cascades campus under list of regional universities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The State Board of Higher Education currently has 11 directors; two must be students at an Oregon public institution of higher education and no more than one shall be a faculty member at an Oregon public institution of higher education. HB 2579 would expand the number of directors to 12, and mandate that there be two faculty positions: one a member of the faculty at Oregon State University, Portland State University or University of Oregon, and one a member of the faculty at Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University or Western Oregon University. The bill would stipulate that the other eight directors be members of the general public who are neither students nor faculty.