75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Education and General Government

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Kruse, Morse, Hass

Nays: Metsger Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/23, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes State Board of Higher Education to delegate board powers, duties, or functions to Chancellor of Oregon University System or president of state institution of higher education other than prescribing enrollment fees. Authorizes board to delegate any board powers, duties, or functions other than adopting rules to a committee of the board. Authorizes chancellor to delegate specified powers, duties, or functions to an Oregon University System employee.

SB 118 A

Sen. Hass

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current use of board time
- Evaluation of institutional presidents' performance
- Possibility of diminished board oversight
- Powers that would be retained by the board
- Delegation of tuition-setting authority
- Appointment of members to State Board of Higher Education
- Committee structure with the board

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes power to prescribe enrollment fees from powers that board may delegate.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon State Board of Higher Education, the statutory governing board of the seven-campus Oregon University System, is composed of 11 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon State Senate. Eight lay members are appointed for four-year terms; one faculty member is appointed for a two-year term; and two students are appointed for two-year terms. The Board currently has 12 members, with one additional faculty member.