

House Bill 2962

Sponsored by Representative DEMBROW (Presession 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**.

Establishes Task Force on Higher Education Consolidation. Directs task force to study need for, duties of and composition of board to have oversight over higher education institutions and activities.

Sunsetts task force on date of convening of 2012 legislative session.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to higher education; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Higher Education Consolidation is established, con-**
5 **sisting of nine members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
7 **Senate.**

8 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 (c) **The Governor shall appoint two members.**

11 (d) **The State Board of Higher Education shall appoint one member.**

12 (e) **The State Board of Education shall appoint one member.**

13 (f) **The Oregon Student Assistance Commission shall appoint one member.**

14 (2) **The task force shall address the need for, duties of and composition of a new board**
15 **to have planning authority and oversight over all public post-secondary institutions and ac-**
16 **tivities in this state.**

17 (3) **The task force may propose specific legislation to implement any recommendations**
18 **it wishes to make regarding comprehensive oversight and coordination of all public post-**
19 **secondary institutions and activities in this state.**

20 (4) **A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
21 **transaction of business.**

22 (5) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
23 **members of the task force.**

24 (6) **The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

25 (7) **If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
26 **ment to become immediately effective.**

27 (8) **The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
28 **or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.**

29 (9) **The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

30 (10) **The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-**

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 lation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education as
2 appropriate no later than December 1, 2011.

3 (11) The Oregon University System, Oregon Student Assistance Commission and Depart-
4 ment of Community Colleges and Workforce Development shall provide staff support to the
5 task force.

6 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
7 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
8 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
9 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
10 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon University System for
11 purposes of the task force.

12 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
13 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
14 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
15 consider necessary to perform their duties.

16 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2012
17 legislative session.

18 SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
19 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
20 on its passage.

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