

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4061

By COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 4, delete “Task Force on Higher Education Governance and
2 Coordination” and insert “Special Committee on University Governance”.

3 In line 12, delete “task force” and insert “special committee”.

4 In line 14, after “Coordination” insert “and consolidation”.

5 Delete lines 16 through 29.

6 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 7 and insert:

7 “(3) To promote accountability, administrative streamlining and the ability to provide the best
8 quality education possible for the amount of state dollars spent, the Legislative Assembly recognizes
9 the potential benefit of individual public university boards. The special committee shall consult with
10 national experts to examine best practices in models of university governance.

11 “(4) The special committee shall recommend legislation for the creation of local governing
12 boards at public universities listed in ORS 352.002. The plan for implementing local boards shall:

13 “(a) Provide opportunity for local governance at universities that request local governance and
14 demonstrate preparation for local governance responsibility.

15 “(b) Define the authority that will be granted to local boards regarding the following specific
16 elements of that authority:

17 “(A) Hiring, evaluation and dismissal of university presidents;

18 “(B) Tuition and fees for resident and nonresident students;

19 “(C) In consultation with the office of the State Treasurer, financial management, including the
20 issuance of bonds;

21 “(D) Personnel policies for faculty and staff;

22 “(E) Achievement compacts with the Oregon Education Investment Board or the Higher Edu-
23 cation Coordinating Commission;

24 “(F) Acquisition, management and disposal of real, personal and intangible property;

25 “(G) Capital projects prioritization and authorization;

26 “(H) Legal affairs and advocacy with the state;

27 “(I) Coordination with the State Board of Higher Education or other systemwide governing body
28 on degree programs, colleges and schools within each university; and

29 “(J) Coordination with other universities in the Oregon University System and the Higher Edu-
30 cation Coordinating Commission to mitigate potential adverse impacts of new academic programs.

31 “(c) Define how local boards will be appointed, ensuring that students, faculty and other uni-
32 versity staff will be represented.

33 “(d) Define a rapid timetable for implementation of local boards.

34 “(e) Ensure that the creation of a local board is the result of a careful analysis of the costs and
35 benefits of such action.

1 “(f) Mitigate potential adverse impacts upon other public universities.

2 “(g) Ensure that the public mission of Oregon’s public universities, including access and
3 affordability for residents of this state, is maintained and enhanced.

4 “(5) A majority of the voting members of the special committee constitutes a quorum for the
5 transaction of business.

6 “(6) Official action by the special committee requires the approval of a majority of the voting
7 members of the committee.

8 “(7) The special committee shall elect three of its members to serve as cochairs, one from the
9 Senate and two from the House of Representatives.

10 “(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to
11 become immediately effective.

12 “(9) The special committee shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the cochairs
13 or of a majority of the voting members of the committee.

14 “(10) The special committee may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the committee.

15 “(11)(a) The special committee shall convene and begin work no later than April 15, 2012.

16 “(b) The special committee shall consult with representatives from the Oregon University Sys-
17 tem, students, faculty, alumni and other stakeholders in formulating the committee’s recommen-
18 dations.

19 “(c) The special committee shall complete a first draft of its recommendations and report to an
20 interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education no later than August 15,
21 2012.

22 “(d) The special committee shall allow 30 days for public comment after the first draft of the
23 recommendations is complete.

24 “(e) After reviewing public comments, the special committee shall finalize and submit recom-
25 mendations to the Governor and Legislative Assembly no later than November 1, 2012.

26 “(12) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide staff support to the special com-
27 mittee.

28 “(13) Members of the special committee who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are
29 not entitled to compensation.

30 “(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the
31 special committee in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to
32 confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the committee consider
33 necessary to perform their duties.

34 “(15) The special committee may accept contributions of funds and assistance from any source,
35 public or private, for the purposes of the consultation with national experts required by subsection
36 (3) of this section.”.

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