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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4061**

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

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

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

6 Delete lines 16 through 29.

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

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

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

17 “(a) Provide opportunity for local governance at universities that request
18 local governance and demonstrate preparation for local governance respon-
19 sibility.

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

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

- 1 “(B) Tuition and fees for resident and nonresident students;
- 2 “(C) In consultation with the office of the State Treasurer, financial
- 3 management, including the issuance of bonds;
- 4 “(D) Personnel policies for faculty and staff;
- 5 “(E) Achievement compacts with the Oregon Education Investment Board
- 6 or the Higher Education Coordinating Commission;
- 7 “(F) Acquisition, management and disposal of real, personal and intangi-
- 8 ble property;
- 9 “(G) Capital projects prioritization and authorization;
- 10 “(H) Legal affairs and advocacy with the state;
- 11 “(I) Coordination with the State Board of Higher Education or other
- 12 systemwide governing body on degree programs, colleges and schools within
- 13 each university; and
- 14 “(J) Coordination with other universities in the Oregon University Sys-
- 15 tem and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to mitigate poten-
- 16 tial adverse impacts of new academic programs.
- 17 “(c) Define how local boards will be appointed, ensuring that students,
- 18 faculty and other university staff will be represented.
- 19 “(d) Define a rapid timetable for implementation of local boards.
- 20 “(e) Ensure that the creation of a local board is the result of a careful
- 21 analysis of the costs and benefits of such action.
- 22 “(f) Mitigate potential adverse impacts upon other public universities.
- 23 “(g) Ensure that the public mission of Oregon’s public universities, in-
- 24 cluding access and affordability for residents of this state, is maintained and
- 25 enhanced.
- 26 “(5) A majority of the voting members of the special committee consti-
- 27 tutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 28 “(6) Official action by the special committee requires the approval of a
- 29 majority of the voting members of the committee.
- 30 “(7) The special committee shall elect three of its members to serve as

1 cochairs, one from the Senate and two from the House of Representatives.

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

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

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

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

10 “(b) The special committee shall consult with representatives from the
11 Oregon University System, students, faculty, alumni and other stakeholders
12 in formulating the committee’s recommendations.

13 “(c) The special committee shall complete a first draft of its recommen-
14 dations and report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly re-
15 lated to higher education no later than August 15, 2012.

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

18 “(e) After reviewing public comments, the special committee shall finalize
19 and submit recommendations to the Governor and Legislative Assembly no
20 later than November 1, 2012.

21 “(12) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide staff sup-
22 port to the special committee.

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

25 “(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are di-
26 rected to assist the special committee in the performance of its duties and,
27 to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such
28 information and advice as the members of the committee consider necessary
29 to perform their duties.

30 “(15) The special committee may accept contributions of funds and as-

1 sistance from any source, public or private, for the purposes of the consul-
2 tation with national experts required by subsection (3) of this section.”.

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