
MEMORANDUM

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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee

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Date: July 2, 2013

Subject: SB 265
Work Session Recommendations

Senate Bill 265 authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds for SBHE and OUS, without prior approval from the Legislative Assembly. These bonds would be in addition to any higher education revenue bond capacity authorized in the biennial bond bill passed by the Legislature.

The original staff measure summary, revenue impact statement, and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). The measure history is also available on OLIS.

Measure to Full

LFO recommends the measure be moved to the full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

Motion #1: Move SB 265 to the full committee with a “do pass” recommendation.

Assignment of Carriers

Full: _____
2nd Chamber: _____

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 265

Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official*

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Reviewed by: Paul Siebert
Date: 06/12/2013

Measure Description:

Authorizes issuance of higher education revenue bonds in addition to bonds authorized pursuant to biennial budget process for bond authorization.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon University System (OUS)

Analysis:

The proposed legislation has been determined to have
MINIMAL EXPENDITURE IMPACT
on state or local government.

While this individual measure has a “Minimal” fiscal impact, an agency may incur a net fiscal impact greater than minimal depending on the cumulative impact of all measures enacted into law that affect the agency.

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/28, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes issuance of higher education revenue bonds in addition to bonds authorized pursuant to biennial budget process for bond authorization.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current process for OUS bonding
 - Approval process out of sync with education calendar year
 - Approval process represented as unnecessarily bureaucratic/slow by OUS
- General concern with removing legislative approval
- Potential to cross-reference revenue streams absent legislative approval

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) and the Oregon University System (OUS) are currently required to obtain legislative approval prior to the issuance of any revenue bond. Revenue bonds are required to be backed by the full faith and credit of the State of Oregon, even if they only pertain to revenue for OUS or any of the public universities listed in ORS 352.002. Senate Bill 265 authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds for SBHE and OUS, without prior approval from the Legislative Assembly.