

**REVENUE:** Revenue statement issued

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**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

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**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.