

77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee on Education & Workforce Development

MEASURE: SB 270 A
CARRIER:

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Richard Donovan, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/7, 2/28, 3/5, 3/7, 3/21, 3/28, 4/11, 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes institutional boards for University of Oregon and Portland State University. Establishes timeframe in which Oregon State University may elect to establish institutional board. Vests institutional boards with specified duties and rights. Details composition requirements of institutional boards. Establishes process by which other universities in Oregon University System may similarly establish institutional boards. Allows universities with an institutional board to issue revenue bonds. Establishes Special Committee on Regional and Technical Universities. Establishes Work Group on University Shared Services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Findings of the interim committee on University Governance as strong guidelines for SB 270
- Process for universities that choose to have an individual board, or choose not to have an individual board
- State-wide integration; effective and efficient for all public universities, regardless of location
- Board selection process, composition of board members
- Funding process currently, projected process with multiple separate universities
- OHSU history since 1995 legislation that enabled OHSU independent board
- Ability of a university with an institutional board to issue various types of bonds
- Task Force for “Fab Four” schools (Eastern, Western, Southern Universities; Oregon Institute of Technology)
- Special Committee to be focused on creating new best processes and business practices

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 242 (2011) redefined the Oregon University System (OUS) as a public university system. House Bill 4061 (2012) created the Joint Special Committee on University Governance (the Committee). The Committee was tasked with reviewing, analyzing, and discussing, “issues surrounding governance within the higher education system including establishment of institutional boards for Oregon’s public universities.” The Committee met ten times between April and September of 2012, and on October 4, 2012 voted unanimously to forward its recommendations as represented in legislative concept draft (LC 759, dated 10/4/12) for consideration by the 2013 Legislative Assembly. Senate Bill 270-A reflects these recommendations.

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This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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