

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes University of Oregon and Portland State University as independent public universities, governed by university boards of directors. Requires Oregon Education Investment Board to approve selection of university presidents for University of Oregon and Portland State University and to approve tuition and fee increases greater than five percent annually. Requires universities to obtain approval from Higher Education Coordinating Commission for new degree programs and policies for transfer of credits. Allows universities to obtain insurance. Requires universities to adhere to existing collective bargaining agreements. Allows universities to issue revenue bonds, subject to approval by Oregon Education Investment Board, and enter into credit enhancement agreements and financing agreements. Allows universities to sue and be sued, make all necessary or convenient contracts and take other action in relation to university property and matters of university concern. Removes sunset for Oregon Education Investment Board. Becomes operative July 1, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- No public hearing

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Committee on Education and Workforce Development has been asked to send Senate Bill 277 to the Rules committee.