

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/14, 4/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Abolishes archaic accounts, currently controlled by Office of State Treasurer, related to University of Oregon and Oregon State University. Returns funds in accounts to Universities.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Archaic statute
- Current process excludes Department of State Lands completely
- Interest in accounts transmitted from Treasury to appropriate universities
- Current principal in accounts totals ~\$427,000 (U of O: ~\$110,000, OSU: ~\$327,000); concerns with what will happen to that money if measure is ratified
- Intent to use funds to establish endowments to fund student scholarships

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Under current statutes, the Department of State Lands is required to loan moneys in accounts established by federal law for Oregon State University and the University of Oregon and to pay interest generated by such loans to the State Board of Higher Education. Since the accounts are not adequate to support a loan program, loans have not been made for decades. House Bill 2033-A abolishes the existing accounts and returns the fund to the appropriate university.