HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2636

By COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

March 12

- On page 2 of the printed bill, delete lines 18 through 20 and insert:
- 2 "(5) To aid and advise the council in the performance of the council's duties, the council may recruit nonvoting advisory members and may establish advisory and technical committees that the council considers necessary.".
 - In line 29, delete "Chief Education Officer" and insert "council".
- 6 Delete lines 39 through 45.

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- On page 3, delete lines 1 through 41 and insert:
- "SECTION 4. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is amended to read:
 - "Sec. 1. (1) The STEM Investment Council is established. The council shall function under the joint direction and control of the [Oregon Education Investment Board established by section 1, chapter 519, Oregon Laws 2011] State Board of Education and the State Board of Higher Education.
 - "(2)(a) The council is established for the purpose of assisting the [Chief Education Officer in] Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner for Community College Services and the Chancellor of the Oregon University System in jointly developing and overseeing a long-term strategy that advances the following educational goals related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics:
 - "(A) Double the percentage of students in 4th and 8th grades who are proficient or advanced in mathematics and science, as determined using a nationally representative assessment of students' knowledge in mathematics and science; and
 - "(B) Double the number of students who earn a post-secondary degree requiring proficiency in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
 - "(b) Achievement of the goals described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be determined based on a comparison between the 2014-2015 school year or academic year and the 2024-2025 school year or academic year.
 - "(3) To advance the educational goals described in subsection (2) of this section, the council shall administer the STEM Investment Grant Program established in section 7 of this 2013 Act.
 - "(4) The council consists of nine members from the private sector who are **jointly** appointed by the [Chief Education Officer] Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner for Community College Services and the Chancellor of the Oregon University System and serve at the pleasure of the [Chief Education Officer] superintendent, commissioner and chancellor.
 - "(5) To aid and advise the council in the performance of the council's duties, the council may recruit nonvoting advisory members and may establish advisory and technical committees that the council considers necessary.
 - "(6)(a) The [Chief Education Officer shall] Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Com-

missioner for Community College Services and the Chancellor of the Oregon University System shall jointly appoint a council director. The council director shall serve at the pleasure of the [Chief Education Officer] superintendent, commissioner and chancellor.

- "(b) Except as otherwise directed by the [Chief Education Officer] Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner for Community College Services and the Chancellor of the Oregon University System, the activities of the council shall be directed and supervised by the council director.
- "(7) Members of the council are not entitled to compensation, but in the discretion of the [Chief Education Officer] Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner for Community College Services and the Chancellor of the Oregon University System may be reimbursed from funds available to the council for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amount provided in ORS 292.495.
- "(8) The council shall [report annually to the Oregon Education Investment Board] submit an annual report to the State Board of Education, the State Board of Higher Education and the Legislative Assembly on the progress made toward achieving the goals described in subsection (2) of this section and the distribution of funds under the STEM Investment Grant Program."

On page 4, delete lines 5 through 45.

On page 5, delete lines 1 through 39 and insert:

"SECTION 6. Section 1 of this 2013 Act, as amended by section 4 of this 2013 Act, is amended to read:

- "Sec. 1. (1) The STEM Investment Council is established. The council shall function under the joint direction and control of the State Board of Education and the State Board of Higher Education.
- "(2)(a) The council is established for the purpose of assisting the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner for Community College Services and the Chancellor of the Oregon University System in jointly developing and overseeing a long-term strategy that advances the following educational goals related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics:
- "(A) [Double the] Having a specified percentage of students in 4th and 8th grades who are proficient or advanced in mathematics and science, as determined using a nationally representative assessment of students' knowledge in mathematics and science; and
- "(B) [Double the] **Having a specified** number of students who earn a post-secondary degree requiring proficiency in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
- "[(b) Achievement of the goals described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be determined based on a comparison between the 2014-2015 school year or academic year and the 2024-2025 school year or academic year.]
- "(b) Achievement of the goals described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be determined based on percentages and numbers determined by the council.
- "(3) To advance the educational goals described in subsection (2) of this section, the council shall administer the STEM Investment Grant Program established in section 7 of this 2013 Act.
- "(4) The council consists of nine members from the private sector who are jointly appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner for Community College Services and the Chancellor of the Oregon University System and serve at the pleasure of the superintendent, commissioner and chancellor.
- "(5) To aid and advise the council in the performance of the council's duties, the council may recruit nonvoting advisory members and may establish advisory and technical committees that the council considers necessary.

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- "(6)(a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner for Community College Services and the Chancellor of the Oregon University System shall jointly appoint a council director. The council director shall serve at the pleasure of the superintendent, commissioner and chancellor.
- "(b) Except as otherwise directed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner for Community College Services and the Chancellor of the Oregon University System, the activities of the council shall be directed and supervised by the council director.
- "(7) Members of the council are not entitled to compensation, but in the discretion of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner for Community College Services and the Chancellor of the Oregon University System may be reimbursed from funds available to the council for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amount provided in ORS 292.495.
- "(8) The council shall submit an annual report to the State Board of Education, the State Board of Higher Education and the Legislative Assembly on the progress made toward achieving the goals described in subsection (2) of this section and the distribution of funds under the STEM Investment Grant Program.
- "SECTION 7. (1) The STEM Investment Grant Program is established to provide funding to school districts, community colleges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002 to advance the goals described in section 1 (2) of this 2013 Act.
- 19 "(2) The STEM Investment Council shall administer the grant program established by 20 this section.
 - "(3)(a) An application for a grant awarded under this section may be submitted by:
- 22 "(A) A school district;

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- 23 "(B) A community college district;
- 24 "(C) A public university;
- 25 "(D) The Department of Education;
- 26 "(E) The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development;
- 27 "(F) The Oregon University System;
- 28 "(G) Any other state agency; or
 - "(H) Any combination of entities identified in this paragraph that are organized as a partnership or a regional effort to improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
 - "(b) A grant awarded under this section may be used for:
 - "(A) Classroom or extracurricular activities that further the development of skills related to science, technology, engineering or mathematics; or
 - "(B) A project that is related to science, technology, engineering or mathematics and that involves collaboration with a private entity.
 - "(4) When evaluating applications for a grant, the council:
 - "(a) Shall give priority to applications for activities or projects that produce the largest impact at the lowest cost or for the greatest number of students throughout this state, including grants for activities or projects that:
 - "(A) Are determined by the council to be likely to become self-supporting within three years;
- 43 "(B) Expand evidence-based, effective practices in science, technology, engineering or 44 mathematics;
 - "(C) Can be replicated by other entities in this state;

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"(D) Show evidence of attracting matching funds;

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- "(E) If the applicant is an entity identified in subsection (3)(a)(A) to (C) of this section, have demonstrable support from the governing body of the entity;
- "(F) Help improve access by underrepresented groups to activities that involve science, technology, engineering or mathematics; or
- "(G) Are elements of a partnership or a regional effort to improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering or mathematics;
- "(b) May give priority to applications for activities or projects that benefit students in more than one student group among students in kindergarten through grade 12, students in community colleges and students in universities;
- "(c) Shall attempt to achieve a balance, as determined by the council, among grants that are awarded for the sole benefit of students in kindergarten through grade 12, students in community colleges and students in universities; and
 - "(d) Shall take into consideration geographic and demographic diversity.".

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