

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

House Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Victoria Cox, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/5, 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that each university with a governing board that has graduate programs must include both graduate and undergraduate student as voting members of governing board. Requires Governor to appoint to Higher Education Coordinating Commission one student from community college, one student from Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University or Western Oregon University, and one student from Oregon State University, Portland State University or University of Oregon. Requires Governor to conduct formal review on whether to remove member of governing board whose ability to serve is questioned by two-thirds vote of university's student senate and faculty senate. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Students as major stakeholders of public universities
- Timing of request to add board members
- Current status versus future sustainability of Oregon universities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Proposed -1 amendments remove provisions requiring Governor to conduct formal review on whether to remove member of governing board whose ability to serve is questioned by two-thirds vote of university's student senate and faculty senate.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 270 (2013) established institutional boards for Portland State University and University of Oregon and allowed Oregon State University the option to establish a board, which it later chose to exercise. The measure provided that boards must include one student as a voting member. House Bill 4147 specifies that, for universities with graduate programs, the board must include both undergraduate and graduate students as voting members.

Senate Bill 270 (2013) also provided the Governor with the power to remove any appointed member of a governing board for cause after notice and public hearing with the stipulation that not more than three members may be removed within a period of four years, except in cases of corrupt conduct in office. House Bill 4147 adds provisions requiring the Governor to conduct a formal review on whether to remove a member of a governing board whose ability to serve is questioned by a two-thirds vote of both the university's student senate and its faculty senate.

Senate Bill 242 (2011) created the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and provided that its membership include one student from a public university and one student from a community college. House Bill 4147 specifies that, in addition to a community college student, the HECC must include one student from Oregon State University, Portland State University or University of Oregon and one student from Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University or Western Oregon University.

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