



Date: February 17, 2015  
To: Oregon Senate Education Committee  
From: Janet Billups, General Counsel, Oregon Health and Science University  
Re: SB 219

Dear Chair Roblan and members of the Committee,

OHSU supports Senate Bill 219. Senate Bill 219 represents a technical change to the agency through which OHSU receives its state budget allocation. The bill moves OHSU's budget allocation from the state Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to the Higher Education Coordinating Committee (HECC). This change is necessary due to the transfer of various higher education functions to HECC.

SB 219 amends ORS 353.140 in a technical manner. The structure defined by ORS 353.140 and followed for the past 20 years is one in which OHSU submits its budget request directly to the Governor; the appropriation ultimately approved by the legislature is then directly transferred to OHSU through DAS without substantive involvement, management or discretionary decision by DAS. While changing the agency of transfer from DAS to HECC, SB 219 carries forward this longstanding substantive structure.

The state appropriation to OHSU must be allocated through a state mechanism, and in the past DAS was the logical agency. Due to HECC's new role in higher education it is appropriate to shift that allocation role from DAS to HECC.

OHSU supports this technical change and encourages your support of SB 219. Thank you for your time, and please feel free to contact me with any questions at [billupsj@ohsu.edu](mailto:billupsj@ohsu.edu) or 503-292-8389.