

House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/20/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/02, 04/15, 04/20

**Vote:**

Yeas: 7 - Gallegos, Johnson, McKeown, Read, Reardon, Whisnant, Williamson

Nays: 2 - Hayden, Nearman

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Extends by four years period during which universities with institutional governing boards must participate in mandated shared services under same terms, conditions, funding, model and policy frameworks as existed in 2013. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Background of recent legislation creating independent governing boards
- Agreements to continue shared services in order to protect regional and technical universities
- University of Oregon's bid to provide its own risk management coverage
- Potential impact to smaller universities
- Compromise on extension of benefits and collective bargaining

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Removes risk management from mandated shared services and reduces extension from six to four years.

**BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 270 (2013) established the Work Group on University Shared Services, consisting of the presidents of the state's seven public universities to "develop a shared services model that delivers efficient and effective administrative operations to participating post-secondary institutions in a manner that focuses on quality, responsiveness and customer service and that seeks to achieve cost savings, economies of scale, accountability, transparency and streamlining." The Work Group concluded that "No shared services should be mandatory after June 30, 2015, except for the statutorily-required collective bargaining partnership for the purpose of engaging in collective bargaining with the existing statewide employee organization." That recommendation was codified in ORS 352.129.

House Bill 2611-A extends to July 1, 2019 the requirement for universities to continue participation in mandated shared services, with the exception of risk management.