

House Bill 3173

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to determine if any public universities have interest and ability to effectively conduct research and development on carbon reduction technologies.

Requires commission to prioritize research and development of these technologies at any qualifying university and to include promotion of carbon reduction technologies as factor when allocating moneys to universities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to research at public universities.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall determine which**
5 **public universities listed in ORS 352.002, if any, have the interest and ability to effectively**
6 **conduct research and development on carbon reduction technologies.**

7 **(2) In reaching a determination under subsection (1) of this section, the commission must**
8 **consider:**

9 **(a) Whether any universities have expressed an interest in conducting research and de-**
10 **velopment on carbon reduction technologies;**

11 **(b) The technological capabilities for conducting this research and development at each**
12 **public university;**

13 **(c) Whether any public universities are currently conducting research and development**
14 **on similar or related technologies; and**

15 **(d) The type of research or proposed research that would yield the greatest advances in**
16 **carbon technology research and development given the moneys available to the commission.**

17 **(3) If the commission determines that one or more public universities listed in ORS**
18 **352.002 has the interest and ability to effectively conduct research and development on car-**
19 **bon reduction technologies, the commission shall:**

20 **(a) Prioritize the research and development of this technology; and**

21 **(b) Include the promotion of research and development of carbon reduction technologies**
22 **as a factor when determining the appropriate allocation of moneys to public universities**
23 **under ORS 351.054.**

24 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act first applies to moneys allocated by the Higher**
25 **Education Coordinating Commission on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.