# Senate Bill 219

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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.

Directs that Legislative Assembly appropriations for public universities and Oregon Health and Science University be made to Higher Education Coordinating Commission rather than to Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

Prevents Higher Education Coordinating Commission from taking official action without approval of majority of commission's members.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to Higher Education Coordinating Commission operations; amending ORS 351.052, 351.722 3 and 353.140; and declaring an emergency.

## Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

**SECTION 1.** ORS 351.052 is amended to read:

351.052. (1)(a) On or before April 1 of each even-numbered year, each public university listed in ORS 352.002 must submit to an office designated by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission as being responsible for university coordination a funding request applicable to the biennium beginning on July 1 of the following year; and

- (b) On or before May 1 of each even-numbered year, the office designated under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall consolidate the funding requests from public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and submit the consolidated funding requests to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.
- (2) On or before September 1 of each even-numbered year, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall submit a funding request to the Governor on behalf of all the public universities listed in ORS 352.002.
- (3) The Governor's biennial budget submitted to the Legislative Assembly may include the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's funding request for public universities listed in ORS 352.002. Any funding request approved by the Legislative Assembly must specify that the moneys be appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for allocation to the public universities listed in ORS 352.002.

SECTION 2. ORS 353.140 is amended to read:

353.140. (1) By September 1 of each even-numbered year the Oregon Health and Science University shall submit to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services a funding request for each biennium. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall include and submit a university funding request to the Legislative Assembly as part of the Governor's biennial budget. Any such request approved by the Legislative Assembly shall be appropriated to the [Oregon Department of Administrative Services] Higher Education Coordinating Commission for direct allocation to the

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- university. The budget request to the Legislative Assembly shall include a presentation on tuition and student fee levels.
- (2) The university budget shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and adopted by the Oregon Health and Science University Board of Directors in accordance with ORS 192.610 to [192.710] 192.690.

### **SECTION 3.** ORS 351.722 is amended to read:

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- 351.722. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall select one of its members as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the commission determines.
- (2) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (3) Official action by the commission requires the approval of a majority of the members of the commission.
- [(3)] (4) The commission shall meet at least once every three months at a place, day and hour determined by the chairperson. The commission may also meet at other times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the commission.
- <u>SECTION 4.</u> This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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