

Senate Bill 54

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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**.

Removes requirement that Higher Education Coordinating Commission's annual evaluation of public universities include annual evaluation of each university. Requires that each university be evaluated by commission once every two years.

Removes April 1 deadline for public universities to submit biennial funding request to commission.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to public universities; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 350.090 and 352.061.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 352.061 is amended to read:

5 352.061. (1) On an annual basis, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall submit to
6 the Legislative Assembly an evaluation of [*each university*] **universities** with a governing board.
7 **Each university with a governing board must be evaluated in the manner required by this**
8 **section once every two years. As part of the evaluation submitted to the Legislative As-**
9 **sembly,** the commission may make recommendations [*to the Legislative Assembly*] regarding the
10 ability of the university to meet academic goals and fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities.

11 (2) The evaluation must include:

12 (a) A report on the university's achievement of outcomes, measures of progress, goals and tar-
13 gets;

14 (b) An assessment of the university's progress toward achieving the mission of all education
15 beyond high school as described in ORS 350.014; and

16 (c) An assessment as to how well the establishment of a governing board at the university
17 comports with the findings set forth in ORS 352.025.

18 **(3) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may adopt rules necessary for the**
19 **administration of this section.**

20 **SECTION 2.** ORS 350.090, as amended by section 57, chapter 117, Oregon Laws 2016, is
21 amended to read:

22 350.090. (1)(a) [*On or before April 1 of*] **During** each even-numbered year, each public university
23 listed in ORS 352.002 must submit to an office designated by the Higher Education Coordinating
24 Commission as being responsible for university coordination a funding request applicable to the
25 biennium beginning on July 1 of the following year; and

26 (b) On or before May 1 of each even-numbered year, the office designated under paragraph (a)
27 of this subsection shall consolidate the funding requests from public universities listed in ORS
28 352.002 and submit the consolidated funding requests to the Higher Education Coordinating Com-

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.

1 mission.

2 (2) On or before September 1 of each even-numbered year, the Higher Education Coordinating
3 Commission shall submit a funding request to the Governor on behalf of all the public universities
4 listed in ORS 352.002.

5 (3) The Governor's budget may include the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's funding
6 request for public universities listed in ORS 352.002. Any funding request approved by the Legisla-
7 tive Assembly must specify that the moneys be appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating
8 Commission for allocation to the public universities listed in ORS 352.002.

9 (4) **The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may adopt rules necessary for the**
10 **administration of this section.**

11 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 352.061 by section 1 of this 2017 Act apply to eval-**
12 **uations submitted on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.**

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