Senate Bill 826
Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK, Representative EVANS

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 each public university to submit annual report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to education that details degree to which public university provides specified opportunities for participation in governance processes.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to higher education governance.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 352.025 to 352.146.

SECTION 2. (1) No later than July 2 of each year, each public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education, including the Ways and Means education subcommittee, detailing the degree to which the public university:

(a) Provides the opportunity at all regularly scheduled meetings of the governing board for live comments, made either in person or remotely;

(b) Allows a representative from official student, faculty and nonfaculty staff governance organizations to provide comments or report to the governing board at regularly scheduled meetings of the governing board;

(c) Allows a representative from official campus labor organizations to provide comments or report to the governing board at regularly scheduled meetings of the governing board, if the representative has requested the opportunity to provide comments or report to the board in advance of the meeting;

(d) Includes at least one faculty member, one nonfaculty staff member and one member of the student body as part of presidential search committees;

(e) Provides all members of the governing board with institutional electronic mail addresses;

(f) Clearly and publicly posts the electronic mail addresses described in paragraph (e) of this subsection on the website of the public university;

(g) Conducts ongoing reviews of the practices and policies of the public university relating to transparency and access; and

(h) Includes the full participation of faculty, nonfaculty staff and student representatives when conducting the reviews described in paragraph (g) of this subsection.

(2) The report prepared under subsection (1) of this section must include input from representatives of faculty, nonfaculty staff and official student governance organizations.

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.

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