

OHSU Board Statutory Fixes in HB 4066

House Bill 4066, the House Committee on Education's technical fix bill, includes two minor changes to OHSU's Board of Directors governing statutes. The changes in language align exactly with the board statute of Oregon's seven other public universities.



Background & Issue Overview

OHSU became a public corporation in 1995. A change in state law established the university with the status in ORS 353 and included a board of directors appointed by the governor.

Under the current statute, the OHSU board must meet every three months. Due to shifting calendars and to align with our financial reporting, this frequently requires the board to meet five times per year.

Recent additions of an OHSU faculty members and OHSU employee mean that there are now three OHSU campus representatives serving on the board of directors. The addition of the faculty and employee member included exemptions for executive session discussions of collective bargaining, however the student board member is not included in that exemption.

Proposed Solution

Update Statute to Align with ORS 352, the Public University Statute

Meeting Frequency

- HB 4066, page 2, lines 27-29: (7) The board shall meet at least ~~once every three months at least four times~~ per year at Oregon Health and Science University. The board shall meet at such other times and places specified by the chairperson or by a majority of the members of the board.

Collective Bargaining Discussions

- Current OHSU statute: The faculty and nonfaculty staff members of the board may not participate in any discussions or action by the board or attend any executive session involving collective bargaining issues that affect faculty or nonfaculty staff at the university.
- HB 4066, page 2, lines 20-22: (b) ~~The student member of the board may not participate in any discussions or action by the board or attend any executive session of the board involving collective bargaining issues that affect students at the university.~~