SB 501 TUITION AND MANDATORY ENROLLMENT FEES JUSTIFICAITON REPORTS

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CHAPTER 840, OREGON LAWS 2015 (SB 501) REQUIREMENTS

- *(1) Notwithstanding any law limiting tuition and mandatory enrollment fee increases at public universities listed in ORS 352.002, if a public university listed in ORS 352.002 increases either resident undergraduate tuition or mandatory enrollment fees by more than three percent for the 2016-2017 academic year, the public university must report the justification for the increase to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, or the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means.*
- *(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to public universities currently subject to existing financial agreements or plans with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, or to four-year tuition guarantees or high cost, high demand degree programs that currently charge differential tuition.*

HECC'S ROLE: TUITION AND FEES

- Tuition and fees are set and approved by an institution's governing board
- Provided the combined increase in resident undergraduate tuition is below 5%, HECC does not have any role in setting tuition or mandatory fee levels (ORS 350.075)

JUSTIFICATION REPORTS REQUIRED

Campus	Tuition	Fees
EOU	Exempt	Exempt
OIT-Klamath Falls		
OIT-Wilsonville		
OSU-Cascades	✓	
OSU-Corvallis		
PSU	✓	✓
SOU	Exempt	Exempt
UO	✓	✓
WOU		✓

REQUIRED JUSTIFICATION REPORTS SUMMARY

Institution	Tuition Increase	Fees Increase
OSU-Cascades	3.32%	
PSU	4.00%	3.81%
UO	4.76%	3.44%
WOU		7.01%

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY-CASCADES-TUITION

- OSU-Cascades increased tuition by 3.32%
- Justifications for OSU-Cascades' increase:
  - Desire to align tuition rates at Cascades with those at the Corvallis campus.
  - Revenue from this tuition increase will help OSU-Cascades hire needed faculty as they transition to a four-year institution.
- The total increase is $145,000 (FY 17), of which $78,000 will be dedicated to tuition remissions, primarily for resident students.

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY-TUITION

- PSU increased tuition by 4%.
- Justifications for PSU's increase:
  - Annual E&G cost increase of 4.3% ($15 million) for FY 17:
    - Drivers:
      - Benefits costs
      - Salary increases and new positions
      - PERS retirement costs
    - State funding fills $9.4 million of this and this tuition increase is anticipated to fill the rest of this gap.
- Total tuition remissions and direct student aid increase of $1 million or 5.3%.

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY-FEES

- PSU increased fees by 3.8%
  - Rec Center fee-7.3% increase
  - Health Services fee-4.0% increase
- Justifications for Rec Center fee increase
  - Combination of increased costs and decreasing fee revenue
  - Maintains current services
- Justifications for Health Services fee increase
  - Increases in medical costs
  - Maintains current services

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON-TUITION

- UO increased tuition 4.76%
- Justifications for UO's increase
  - $18 million in new costs above the 2015-16 academic year
    - Salary
    - Health care increases
    - IT and strategic investments
  - $2-3 million of these new costs are met by additional state appropriations and $3 million by cost-cutting. The tuition increase will raise the remaining $13.5 million needed to balance UO's budget.
- Tuition remissions to increase by $1.4 million
  - 10% of the tuition revenue generated by this increase

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON-FEES

- UO increased fees by 3.44%
  - Health Fee increase: 7.9%
- Justifications for the health fee increase
  - Increased cost of care

WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY-FEES

- WOU increased fees by 7.01%
  - Health Fee increase: 3.1%
  - Health Building Fee (new fee): $11/term
- Justifications for the Health Fee increase
  - Salary and supplies costs
  - Increasing demand for services
- Justifications for the new Health Building Fee
  - Funds $1.9 million of a new $3.9 million student health building

- Questions?