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**Docket Item:**

2017 Legislative Session Proposed Concepts

**Summary:**

Links to all of these legislative concepts can be found at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/highered/research/Pages/2017-session.aspx>

1. Refining 40-40-20 Goals (LC 459) – Oregon’s 40-40-20 goal, as it exists today in statute, applies to the entire adult population. If interpreted strictly, this goal would imply a massive adult education effort is needed to reach hundreds of thousands of Oregonians with adult education programs, including those who are nearing or beyond retirement age. This concept requires the Commission to establish, by rule, appropriate attainment goals for adult Oregonians not currently enrolled in any type of educational setting. These goals would be aligned with projected job opportunities.
2. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Conformity (LC 476) – This item is a technical measure designed to update Oregon statutes to recognize the passage of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act federally, and its supersedence of the Workforce Investment Act. This measure reflects the change in title, as well as changes in references to several sections contained within the federal Act.
3. University Evaluations and Budget Submissions (LC 500) – In order to increase the depth of reviews of institutions with governing boards required to be conducted by the HECC, this item makes reviews of institutions a biennial, rather than an annual, process. This proposal also eliminates an April 1 deadline for university budget submissions in even years, allowing for greater institutional and HECC flexibility around these submissions.
4. Updating Accelerated Learning Statutes (LC 508) – In June of this year, the HECC added two new categories of accelerated learning standards: Sponsored Dual Credit programs and Assessment Based Learning Credit programs. Codifying these additional standards into statute creates a requirement on behalf of institutions to report on student participation in these programs, such that statewide impact can be analyzed. This legislation also formalizes the HECC action in June by appropriately updating certain statutory references. In collaboration with the Chief Education Office, this measure may be combined with related education concepts as the session proceeds.
5. Statutory Housekeeping (LC 515) – This measure provides for a cleanup related to the process of establishing HECC and consolidating predecessor agencies between 2013 and 2014. It refines several statutes to correct outdated references, clarify responsibilities already being undertaken, and makes other similar, technical changes.
6. Oregon Promise (LC 522) – The bill eliminates a statutory limitation preventing more than \$10 million from being expended on Oregon Promise grants in any one fiscal year. This change allows for multiple cohorts of students to receive grants – the continuing student cohort, and the first-time student cohort. Additionally, the legislation clarifies language requiring all students under the Promise program to pay \$50 of tuition per term.

**Recommendation:**

Approve legislative concepts for the 2017 state legislative session.