

Overarching Roles and Responsibilities of the HECC¹

Area of Responsibility	Specific Action	Citations
Providing one strategic vision for Oregon higher education planning, funding, and policy	Developing state goals for the postsecondary system, including community colleges, public universities, and student access programs	ORS 350.075
	Adopting a strategic plan for achieving the state's postsecondary goals	ORS 350.075
	Making budgetary recommendations for state institutions and programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a comprehensive higher education budget request linked to the strategic plan • Recommending a consolidated higher education budget request to the Governor and Chief Education Officer • Developing the biennial budget request for community colleges and public universities, and allocating legislatively approved resources 	ORS 341.626, 350.075, 350.090, 350.095, 352.089
	Approving resident tuition increases greater than 5% for public universities	ORS 352.102
Authorizing postsecondary degrees and programs	Approving mission statements and significant changes in academic programs at public universities	ORS 350.085, 352.089
	Approving new certificate and degree programs at community colleges	ORS 341.465, ORS 350.075
	Authorizing degrees for some private and out-of-state schools	ORS 348.594 to 348.615
	Managing licensure and teacher registration for private career schools	ORS 345.010 to 345.450, 341.440, 342.197, 348.070, 687.011
Administering key Oregon financial aid, workforce, and other programs	In conjunction with the Oregon Workforce Investment Board and the Oregon Employment Department, managing state implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)	ORS 660
	Administering the Oregon Opportunity Grant and other student success programs through the Office of Student Access and Completion	ORS 348
	Developing dual credit standards, transfer standards, and credit for prior learning standards (ORS 340.310, 341.430, and 350.110)	ORS 340.310, 341.430, and 350.110
Evaluating and reporting the success of higher education efforts	Conducting data collection, analysis, research, and reporting across all sectors of higher education	ORS 350.075
	Conducting annual institutional evaluations for public universities	ORS 352.061

¹“The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may exercise only powers, duties and functions expressly granted by the Legislative Assembly. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, all other authorities reside at the institutional level with the respective boards of the post-secondary institutions” (ORS 350.075).