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**Docket Item:**

SOU and EOU Conditions Report, Timeline and Process

**Summary:**

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) is responsible for determining whether Southern Oregon University and Eastern Oregon University have satisfied the conditions that were established for them upon their receipt of institutional governing boards in 2014. (See attached: OHBHE-EOUSOUConditions(May 2014).pdf). As outlined in Section 168a, Chapter 768, Oregon Laws 2013 (as amended by SB 493 (2015)), Southern Oregon University and Eastern Oregon University must submit to the HECC a comprehensive final report demonstrating the institution's unique mission, program focus, and long-term financial viability. The Commission will evaluate whether the institution effectively demonstrates a clear institutional focus and durable niche within the portfolio of public higher education assets in Oregon. Under the law, the Commission must notify the Governor, the Legislative Assembly, and the institutional governing boards whether the conditions have been met.

While not serving as a single decision point, an analysis of financial data will inform the subsequent HECC report and recommendation. The analysis will be generally informed by accepted financial standards and best practices, institutional peer data, and in reference to other Oregon public universities..

The Commission's Interim Evaluation Reports at the end of 2015 for SOU may be found here:

[http://www.oregon.gov/HigherEd/Documents/HECC/2016%20Full%20Commission%20Meetings/01\\_Jan-14-16/9.0%20b.SouthernOregonUniversityConditions%20ResponseLetterUpdated.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/HigherEd/Documents/HECC/2016%20Full%20Commission%20Meetings/01_Jan-14-16/9.0%20b.SouthernOregonUniversityConditions%20ResponseLetterUpdated.pdf)

And here for EOU:

[http://www.oregon.gov/HigherEd/Documents/HECC/2016%20Full%20Commission%20Meetings/01\\_Jan-14-16/9.0a.EasternOregonUniversityConditionsResponseLetter.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/HigherEd/Documents/HECC/2016%20Full%20Commission%20Meetings/01_Jan-14-16/9.0a.EasternOregonUniversityConditionsResponseLetter.pdf)

SOU and EOU will present their third and final conditions reports to the Commission at the December 14th Commission meeting, with their final written materials submitted to the HECC by December 31, 2017. The Commission will make its final determination

at its January 2018 meeting, and will subsequently notify the Governor, Legislative Assembly, and institutional governing boards.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Information for Discussion and Feedback.