



Docket Item:

University Evaluations (in accordance with ORS 352.061)

Summary:

The HECC is required to submit to the Legislative Assembly an evaluation of public universities listed in ORS 352.002. Each public university must be evaluated in the manner required by this section once every two years. The purpose of this evaluation is to assess the contributions of each institution to State objectives for higher education as articulated in statute and in the HECC's Strategic Plan.

The evaluations rely on a combination of accreditation reports, self-assessments conducted by the universities on criteria jointly developed with the HECC, and state and federal data. The evaluations signal areas of key interest to the HECC that support the objectives of the State of Oregon: student success as measured by degree completion; access and affordability as measured by equity across socioeconomic, racial/ethnic, and regional (urban/rural) groups; academic quality and research; financial sustainability; and continued collaboration across universities in support of the State's mission for higher education. Additionally, this report describes how the institutions boards of trustees' have operated since their formation.

For the 2017 evaluations, the HECC evaluated four institutions: Southern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Western Oregon University, and Eastern Oregon University.

Docket Material:

1. Background information about the financial ratios used in the evaluations.
2. University evaluation reports for:
 - Southern Oregon University
 - Oregon Institute of Technology
 - Western Oregon University
 - Eastern Oregon University

Staff Recommendation:

For approval by the Commission, subject to staff revision to correct for non-substantial errors of fact or data.