



Docket Item:

Updated HECC Delegation of Authority

Summary:

ORS 350.075(8) authorizes the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to delegate any of its powers, duties or functions to the Executive Director of the agency. On December 10, 2015, the Commission approved a resolution delegating all of its statutory authorities to the Executive Director, with the exception of certain authorities specified within the resolution that are reserved for the Commission.

Item number 8 on the Commission's list of non-delegated authorities pertains to the HECC's responsibilities associated with community college district formation, boundary modification, and name changes. ORS Chapter 341 prescribes a detailed process, overseen by the HECC, for each of those activities. Under the Commission's current Delegation of Authority, the Commission itself would be required to administer all of the Chapter 341 formation, boundary modification, and name change processes directly. This would be cumbersome and impractical. The proposed, updated Delegation of Authority would specify that the Commission itself is responsible only for the critical actions of "approving an election for the formation of a community college service district," "issuing a community college district boundary change order," and "approving a community college name change." All other statutory responsibilities associated with administering these processes would be delegated to the Executive Director. This is consistent with the Commission's approach to other statutory responsibilities, as well as board best practice.

Other proposed changes to the Delegation of Authority are housekeeping amendments that update statutory references, etc.

Docket Material:

Proposed, updated Delegation of Authority

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the updated Delegation of Authority.