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**Docket Item:** Public University tuition review process and criteria

**Summary:**

Under ORS 350.075(3)(h)(B) and ORS 352.102(4), the HECC must review whether or not a proposed public university tuition increase greater than five percent for resident (in-state) undergraduate students is appropriate. The HECC or the Legislative Assembly must approve such an increase before it comes into effect.

At its October, 2018 meeting, the Commission reviewed and discussed a staff proposal for criteria that the Commission could employ to determine the appropriateness of any university request for above-threshold tuition increases for the 2019-2020 academic year. At the same meeting, public university representatives requested that the HECC establish a workgroup to reconsider the staff-proposed criteria and that in doing so it take into account different interpretations of the role that the Commission should play in the tuition-setting process, especially given the primary governance responsibility exercised by university Boards of Trustees. Chair Bryant agreed to a workgroup and appointed Commissioners Roper (Chair), Ayers, Cross, and Wyse to serve. He charged the participating Commissioners to advise HECC staff on changes to the criteria and/or review process by November 30, 2018, based on the workgroup's discussions. Staff will incorporate that advice into the recommendations it makes to the full Commission at its December 2018 meeting, for adoption.

Universities have identified a set of representatives who will participate in the workgroup, including Provosts, Vice Presidents for Finance and Administration, a General Counsel, and the Executive Director of the Oregon Council of Presidents (OCOP). The Oregon Student Association (OSA) will also designate 2-3 participants. HECC staff has identified two November dates for the workgroup meetings.

Chair Bryant requested that the Oregon Council of Presidents provide specific feedback on the criteria in advance of the first workgroup meeting.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Informational item only; no Commission action is necessary.