



## Background: Public Hearings on Commission Recommendation to Redistrict the Central Oregon Community College Service District, North Lake County

The State of Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) will hold two public hearings in Silver Lake, Oregon on October 28, 2019 related to the community college district boundary in North Lake County. Resulting from a recommendation by the HECC Commission, the first public hearing is to consider the removal of voting precincts 13 and 14 of Lake County, generally comprising the northernmost section of the county, from the Central Oregon Community College Service District. The second public hearing, contingent upon the Legislature's approval of the removal of the territory in question from the Central Oregon Community College Service District, is to consider the annexation of the same territory into the Klamath Community College Service District. The Commission's order is not final unless accepted by the Legislative Assembly.

- **WHO:** HECC agency staff will be administering the hearing, which is open to any and all individuals who wish to attend.
- **WHAT:** The events are public hearings to receive public input on the petition to remove voting precincts 13 and 14 of Lake County from the Central Oregon Community College Service District and the resulting recommendation of the HECC Commission to add the proposed territory to the Klamath Community College Service District. The question has implications on the services provided to the residents of North Lake County, on tax revenue received by COCC and KCC, and on state revenue provided by the HECC to all community colleges in Oregon.
- **WHEN:** The first hearing takes place on October 28, 2019, 5:00 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time to approximately 6:00 P.M. or until public comment is complete. The second hearing takes place after the first hearing concludes at 6:00 P.M. to approximately 7:00 P.M. or until public comment is complete.
- **WHERE:** North Lake School District, High School Commons, 57566 Fort Rock Road, Silver Lake, OR 97638.
- **WHY:** The HECC is authorized under statute (ORS 341.565 to 341.579) to act as a community college district boundary board. Upon receipt of a petition signed by a minimum of 10% of the registered electors within a territory seeking to be removed from or incorporated into a service district, the HECC is required to consider the question of whether or not to change the petitioning territory of the district, and to hold a public hearing prior to entering an order to change the district boundary. The October 28 meeting is for public input, and no vote will be taken. The HECC will vote on the petition at a future public Commission meeting. For information on HECC public meetings, or to sign up for public meeting notices, go to [www.oregon.gov/HigherEd](http://www.oregon.gov/HigherEd). Should the HECC vote to issue such an order, the Legislative Assembly must accept the order before it is final.

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