
Docket Item:

Authorization for staff to submit certain regularly-scheduled reports to Legislature

Summary:

Under the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's (HECC's) Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director, the Commission itself is required to approve all reports HECC submits to the Legislature. In the interest of improving efficiency, HECC staff has identified regularly scheduled reports that are technical in nature and lack policy implications. Staff recommends the Commission vote to deem the following reports permanently approved for staff submission to the Legislature: the Temporary Rules Report, the Reduced Tuition Rates and Waivers for Veterans Report, the Plant Closings and Layoffs Report, and the Tuition Equity Report. Below are details for each report:

1) Temporary Rules Report

Statute, Founding Legislation: ORS 183.403, HB 4106 (2016)

Office: Executive Director

Frequency, Due Date: Annually, February 1

Short Description: Includes all administrative rules that HECC adopted, amended, repealed, or suspended during the preceding 12-month period. Contains specific requirements for temporary rules.

2) Report on Reduced Tuition Rates and Waivers for Veterans

Statute, Founding Legislation: ORS 350.295, HB 2158 (2013)

Office: Student Access and Completion

Frequency, Due Date: Annually, February 1

Short Description: On the number of nonresident veterans, former Oregon residents, and other students receiving veteran tuition waivers, and the amount of tuition forgone.

3) Plant Closings and Layoffs Report

Statute, Founding Legislation: ORS 285A.522

Office: Workforce Investments

Frequency, Due Date: Annually, June 1

Short Description: Under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, HECC is to be notified when an employer is required to provide written notice of a plant closing or of mass layoffs. The annual report must include the plant closing or layoffs and the assistance and services provided to workers and their communities.

4) Tuition Equity Report

Statute, Founding Legislation: ORS 352.287, HB 2787 (2013)

Office: Research & Data

Frequency, Due Date: Annually, July 1

Short Description: On the number of non-US citizens that received resident tuition and fees, and the financial impact of this on public institutions.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission make a motion to deem approved for 2020 and all future years, unless further action is taken by the Commission, the following reports for submission to the Legislative Assembly:

- Temporary Rules Report
- Reduced Tuition Rates and Waivers for Veterans Report
- Plant Closings and Layoffs Report
- Tuition Equity Report