

**Docket Item:**

Public University Evaluations (OSU, PSU, UO) (in accordance with ORS 352.061)

**Summary:**

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission 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, the financial metrics section was expanded in order to provide a better contextual understanding of an institution's financial condition. The revised analysis now includes additional data along with financial ratios. Lastly, this report describes how the institutions boards of trustees' have operated since their formation.

For 2020, the HECC evaluated the three largest universities:

- Oregon State University
- Portland State University
- University of Oregon

**Material:**

Attachment: Two-page summaries and University Evaluation reports for:

- Oregon State University
- Portland State University
- University of Oregon

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the draft reports, with HECC staff authorized to finalize, edit for fact, and submit to the Legislature prior to February 28, 2021.