

## **HECC Organic Authorities**

(1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall:

(a) Advise the Oregon Education Investment Board on:

(A) State post-secondary education investment goals and associated achievement compacts for the state's public post-secondary education system, including community colleges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002, and for the Oregon Student Access Commission;

(B) Strategic investments in the state's community colleges, public universities, and the Oregon Student Access Commission necessary to achieve the state's post-secondary education goals; and

(C) Coordination of the post-secondary elements of data collection and structure, with the advice and recommendation of the state's community colleges and public universities, as appropriate, in order to assist the Oregon Education Investment Board in the construction of a state longitudinal data system as authorized by law.

(b) Adopt a strategic plan to guide the HECC's role in identifying budget, investment, appropriation, and policy recommendations necessary to empower the state's community colleges and public universities to achieve the state's post-secondary education goals, taking into consideration the contributions of this state's independent institutions, its philanthropic community, and other organizations dedicated to helping Oregonians reach the state's post-secondary education goals. State post-secondary education goals as described in this section should include, but need not be limited to:

(A) Increasing the educational attainment of the population;

(B) Increasing this state's global economic competitiveness and the quality of life of its citizens;

(C) Ensuring affordable access for qualified Oregon students at each community college or public university; and

(D) Ensuring the state's public post-secondary system efficiently minimizes completion time for students.

(c) Track progress toward meeting the state's post-secondary education goals established in the strategic plan described in (1)(b)

(d) Recommend to the Governor, each biennium, after receiving funding requests from the state's community colleges, public universities, and the Oregon Student Access Commission as authorized by law, a consolidated post-secondary education budget request, with a copy to the Oregon Education Investment Board, including appropriations for:

(A) The Oregon Student Access Commission;

(B) Public universities;

(C) Community colleges;

(D) New facilities or programs; and

(E) Capital improvements and deferred maintenance.

(e) Distribute legislatively-appropriated state resources to community colleges, public universities, and the Oregon Student Access Commission based on allocation formulas developed with the recommendation of the state's community colleges, public universities, and the Oregon Student Access Commission, as appropriate.

(f) Adopt, based on the recommendation from the community college or public university pursuant to its governing board's process to review and approve academic programs, any significant change in a public community college or university's academic program, including but not limited to any change in physical location for the academic program, requiring the programs:

(A) Are consistent with the mission statement of the public community college or university;

(B) Do not unnecessarily duplicate academic programs offered by Oregon's other public community colleges or universities;

(C) Are not located in a geographic area that will cause undue hardship to Oregon's other public community colleges or universities; and

(D) Are allocated among Oregon's public community colleges and universities to maximize the achievement of statewide goals.

(g) For public universities listed in ORS 352.002:

(A) Adopt any changes to the mission statements upon the recommendation from the public university's governing board pursuant to any process required to review and approve changes to mission statements.

(B) Approve any annual increase to resident undergraduate enrollment fees as defined in ORS 351.063 greater than five percent.

(C) Advise the Governor and Legislative Assembly on issues of university governance.

(D) Approve and authorize degrees.

(h) Authorize degrees to be offered by independent post-secondary institutions in this under ORS 348.594 to 348.615.

(i) Oversee the licensing of career schools under ORS 345.010 to 345.450.

(2) In addition to the duties described in subsection (1) of this section, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission may:

(a) Convene community colleges and public universities to facilitate the development of policies or initiatives to improve coordination and collaboration between community colleges and public universities, including, but not limited to transfer student, accelerated credit, and co-enrollment policies and initiatives. The Commission may convene community colleges and public universities in this manner to identify strategic budget or investment initiatives to recommend to the Oregon Education Investment Board or to include in the consolidated budget request it recommends in subsection (1)(d) of this section.

(b) Coordinate with the State Board of Education on policies and initiatives to enhance the use and quality of dual credit or career pathways.

(c) Coordinate with the State Workforce Investment Board, local workforce investment boards, the Oregon Health and Science University, and independent post-secondary institutions to offer programs in high-demand occupations that meet Oregon's workforce needs.

(3) The Commission, in a manner consistent with Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 183, may promulgate administrative rules.

(4) With this exception of rulemaking, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission may delegate any of its powers, duties, or functions to a committee of the Commission or its executive director.

(5) The Commission may establish advisory or technical committees to assist it in exercising its powers, duties, and functions.

(6) The Commission may only exercise powers, duties, and functions expressly granted by the Oregon Legislative Assembly.