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OREGON UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

352.002 Oregon University System. The Oregon University System established in ORS 351.011 consists of the following public universities under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Higher Education:

- (1) University of Oregon.
- (2) Oregon State University.
- (3) Portland State University.
- (4) Oregon Institute of Technology.
- (5) Western Oregon University.
- (6) Southern Oregon University.
- (7) Eastern Oregon University. [1987 c.246 §1; 1995 c.162 §74; 1995 c.612 §§10,11; 1997 c.11 §1; 2001 c.382 §1; 2011 c.637 §58]

352.004 Presidents of public universities. The president of each public university within the Oregon University System is also president of the faculty. The president is also the executive and governing officer of the public university, except as otherwise provided by statute or action of the State Board of Higher Education. Subject to the supervision of the board, the president of the public university has authority to control and give general directions to the practical affairs of the public university. [Formerly 352.020; 2005 c.22 §249; 2011 c.637 §238]

352.006 Political or sectarian tests prohibited in appointment of faculty or employees. No political or sectarian test shall ever be allowed or applied in the appointment of faculty and other employees of the Oregon University System. [Formerly 352.030]

352.008 Alcohol and drug abuse policy and implementation plan. In consultation with the Oregon Health Authority and the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, each public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall adopt a comprehensive alcohol and drug abuse policy and implementation plan. [1989 c.1076 §3; 2009 c.595 §223; 2011 c.637 §239; 2011 c.673 §9]

352.010 Status of faculty. The president and professors constitute the faculty of each of the public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and as such have the immediate government and discipline of the public university and the students therein, except as otherwise provided by statute or action of the State Board of Higher Education. The faculty may, subject to the supervision of the board under ORS 351.070, prescribe the course of study to be pursued in the public university and the textbooks to be used. [Amended by 1987 c.246 §4; 1989 c.492 §3; 2011 c.637 §59]

352.012 Authority of Oregon University System to require fingerprints. For the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check under ORS

181.534, the Oregon University System may require the fingerprints of a person who:

- (1)(a) Is employed or applying for employment by the Oregon University System; or
- (b) Provides services or seeks to provide services to the Oregon University System as a contractor or volunteer; and
- (2) Is, or will be, working or providing services in a position that is designated as a critical or security-sensitive position. As used in this subsection, "critical or security-sensitive position" means a position in which the person:

- (a) Has direct access to persons under 18 years of age or to student residence facilities because the person's work duties require the person to be present in the residence facility;
- (b) Is providing information technology services and has control over, or access to, information technology systems that would allow the person to harm the information technology systems or the information contained in the systems;
- (c) Has access to information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by state or federal laws, rules or regulations or information that is defined as confidential under state or federal laws, rules or regulations;
- (d) Has access to property where chemicals, hazardous materials and other items controlled by state or federal laws or regulations are located;
- (e) Has access to laboratories, nuclear facilities or utility plants to which access is restricted in order to protect the health or safety of the public;
- (f) Has fiscal, financial aid, payroll or purchasing responsibilities as one of the person's primary responsibilities; or
- (g) Has access to personal information about employees or members of the public including Social Security numbers, dates of birth, driver license numbers, medical information, personal financial information or criminal background information. [2005 c.730 §71]

Note: 352.012 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

352.015 Physical access committees; members; duties. (1) Each public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall convene a physical access committee to identify barriers to access by persons with disabilities on the campus of each public university. The committee shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) One or more students with disabilities or, if there are no students with disabilities

willing to participate, a person with a disability who uses the public university's facilities;

(b) One or more members of the faculty or staff who have disabilities;

(c) The coordinator of services for students with disabilities for the public university;

(d) One or more administrators of the public university; and

(e) One or more members of the physical plant staff of the public university.

(2) The physical access committee shall present its findings and recommendations to the administration of the public university listing access needs and priorities for meeting those needs. These findings and recommendations shall identify the barriers to access that prevent persons with disabilities from meaningfully utilizing campus facilities related to instruction, academic support, assembly and residence life.

(3) In preparing funding requests for each biennium, each public university shall include amounts for capital improvement that will be applied to the substantial reduction and eventual elimination of barriers to access by persons with disabilities as identified by the physical access committee.

(4) Nothing in this section and ORS 185.155 and 341.937 requires a public university to undertake projects for accessibility that are not otherwise required unless such projects are funded specifically by the Legislative Assembly. [1991 c.935 §§1,2; 2007 c.70 §147; 2011 c.637 §240]

Note: 352.015 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

352.017 Contract for disbursement of funds to students; personally identifiable information. (1) As used in this section, "personally identifiable information" means a student's Social Security number and gender or a student's Social Security number and date of birth.

(2) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 may enter into a contract with a private contractor to provide the service of facilitating the disbursement of funds to students. If a student's personally identifiable information is necessary to administer the disbursement of funds under the contract, the public university:

(a) Shall obtain from a student a written election to receive the contracted services;

(b) Shall provide any alternative method of disbursement of funds at no additional cost to a student who does not elect to receive those services from a private contractor;

(c) May not release to a private contractor personally identifiable information about a student who elects to receive disbursement services from the private contractor without first obtaining from the student a written consent to release the personally identifiable information; and

(d) Shall provide to a student a written description of the purposes for which a private contractor may use the student's personally identifiable information. [2005 c.363 §1; 2011 c.637 §241]

Note: 352.017 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

352.020 [Amended by 1987 c.246 §2; renumbered 352.004 in 1987]

352.021 Honorary degrees for persons ordered to internment camp. (1) As used in this section, "internment camp" means a relocation center to which persons were ordered evacuated by Presidential Executive Order 9066, signed on February 19, 1942.

(2) A person who meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this section may request a public university listed in ORS 352.002 to award the person an honorary post-secondary degree.

(3) A representative of a deceased person who meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this section may request a public university to award an honorary post-secondary degree on behalf of the deceased person.

(4) Notwithstanding the requirements for a post-secondary degree established by a public university or by the State Board of Higher Education, a public university that receives a request under subsection (2) or (3) of this section may award an honorary post-secondary degree to a person, or on behalf of a deceased person, who:

(a) Was a student at the public university in 1942; and

(b) Did not graduate from the public university because the person was ordered to an internment camp. [2007 c.244 §1; 2011 c.637 §242]

Note: 352.021 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

352.030 [Amended by 1987 c.246 §3; renumbered 352.006 in 1987]

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON**(Generally)****352.035 Streets through university property; establishment and dedication.**

The State Board of Higher Education may open, establish, lay out and dedicate to the public use such streets through the lands situated within the corporate limits of the City of Eugene, owned by or belonging to the University of Oregon, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the State Board of Higher Education and the common council of the City of Eugene. When such streets are so opened, laid out and established, they hereby are declared to be dedicated to the public use and are further declared to be public streets of the City of Eugene. [Formerly 352.080; 2005 c.22 §250]

352.040 [Repealed by 1961 c.238 §1]

352.043 University of Oregon School of Law. (1) There is created within the Oregon University System the University of Oregon School of Law. The school shall be administered by the University of Oregon.

(2) The University of Oregon School of Law shall:

(a) Prepare students for careers in the legal profession.

(b) Perform the duties required of the school under ORS 36.100 to 36.238.

(3) The president of the University of Oregon shall appoint the Dean of the University of Oregon School of Law. [2003 c.791 §§31,31a; 2005 c.817 §7; 2009 c.762 §71]

Note: 352.043 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

352.045 Oregon State Museum of Anthropology.

(1) The anthropological collections at the University of Oregon are designated and established as the Oregon State Museum of Anthropology. The Oregon State Museum of Anthropology is designated as the official depository for any material of an archaeological or anthropological nature that may come into the possession of the State of Oregon through the operation of ORS 358.935, 390.235 or 390.237 or as a consequence of gifts from the federal government, the Smithsonian Institution or from other public or private agencies. The University of Oregon, through the director of the Oregon State Museum of Anthropology, shall assume full responsibility for the custody and safekeeping of said collection. If responsibility for a collection is reassigned under ORS 390.235, the Oregon State Museum of Anthropology shall serve as the ultimate depository in the event the assigned curator is

unable or fails to continue that responsibility.

(2) ORS 390.235 or 390.237 or this section shall not interfere with any collections now in the possession of any institution of higher learning in Oregon, nor prevent any private person making a gift of any collection owned by the person directly to any institution. [Formerly 352.090; 1987 c.246 §5; 2005 c.22 §251]

352.046 Center for Brain, Biology and Machine.

(1) Pursuant to ORS 351.870, there is created within the Oregon University System the Center for Brain, Biology and Machine. The center shall be administered by the University of Oregon.

(2) The purpose of the center is to promote interdisciplinary teaching and research in scientific areas, including but not limited to brain structure, development and functions, genetics and genomics, cognitive neuroscience, molecular biology, computational science, computing, magnetic resonance imaging and optics.

(3) The Oregon University System may receive moneys from any public or private source to support the Center for Brain, Biology and Machine created under subsections (1) and (2) of this section. Gifts or grants received to support the center shall be deposited in an appropriate fund at the University of Oregon by the Oregon University System. [1999 c.992 §§5,6; 2009 c.762 §72]

Note: 352.046 (3) was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

(Industrialized Housing Development Program)**352.048 Industrialized Housing Development Program created; administration.**

(1) There is created within the Oregon University System the Industrialized Housing Development Program. The program shall be administered in conjunction with the Center for Housing Innovation at the University of Oregon.

(2) The purpose of the program is to provide assistance to industrialized housing manufacturers to help them achieve demonstrated best practice by researching, evaluating and disseminating information on opportunities to improve design technology, including but not limited to:

(a) Methods to improve the affordability of housing;

(b) Better utilization of new products in industrialized housing;

(c) Improving the energy efficiency of industrialized housing; and

(d) Specialized training for workers and management. [1991 c.853 §1; 2009 c.762 §73]

Note: 352.048 to 352.053 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of any series in ORS chapter 352 by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

352.049 Program objectives; fees; employees. (1) In fulfilling the purpose described in ORS 352.048, the Industrialized Housing Development Program shall:

(a) Emphasize client-directed problem solving with the planning and design of appropriate design technologies;

(b) Provide or arrange for the provision of management assistance, specialized training for workers and other consulting services;

(c) Supplement the design skills and expertise of program staff by developing relations with experts who may work in a consulting role;

(d) Research new and developing design technology in the United States and overseas with the purpose of adapting proven technologies and management practices to Oregon conditions; and

(e) Disseminate research findings to all interested firms throughout the industrialized housing industry.

(2) The Industrialized Housing Development Program shall establish a schedule of fees for the services it provides. The program may establish a minimum level of service for which it does not charge fees.

(3) The Industrialized Housing Development Program may hire individuals on a contract basis, to provide either full-time or part-time staffing. However, employees of the program shall not be considered tenured employees of the Oregon University System. [1991 c.853 §§2,3,4; 2009 c.762 §74]

Note: See note under 352.048.

352.050 [Repealed by 1973 c.729 §17]

352.051 Rulemaking authority. The State Board of Higher Education shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of ORS 352.048 to 352.053. [1991 c.853 §5]

Note: See note under 352.048.

352.052 Confidentiality of information. Any information obtained by the Industrialized Housing Development Program relating to an industrialized housing firm shall remain confidential to the extent that the information identifies an industrialized housing firm. The information shall remain confidential for a period of time to be prescribed by rule and then shall become public information. [1991 c.853 §6]

Note: See note under 352.048.

352.053 Coordination of wood product research, development or evaluation. Any research, development or evaluation of wood products by the Industrialized Housing Development Program shall be coordinated by the Center for Housing Innovation through the Oregon State University Forest Research Laboratory and Forest Products Extension Service. [1991 c.853 §7]

Note: See note under 352.048.

352.055 [1973 c.729 §16; 1975 c.693 §3; 1981 c.144 §1; 1987 c.246 §7; repealed by 1995 c.162 §94]

352.058 [1977 c.773 §§1,2,3; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.060 [Amended by 1969 c.597 §57; repealed by 1975 c.693 §21]

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

352.063 Receipt and disposition of funds received for programs. The Oregon University System may receive moneys from any public or private source to support the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, the Center for Lakes and Reservoirs, the Graduate School of Social Work or the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies created under ORS 352.066, 352.068, 352.071 and 352.074. Gifts and grants received to support the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, the Center for Lakes and Reservoirs, the Graduate School of Social Work or the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies shall be credited to the appropriate fund at Portland State University by the Oregon University System. [2001 c.140 §6; 2009 c.762 §75]

352.065 [1959 c.97 §§1,2; 1983 c.740 §116; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.066 Mark O. Hatfield School of Government; Criminal Justice Research and Policy Institute. (1) Pursuant to ORS 351.870, there is created within the Oregon University System the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government. The Mark O. Hatfield School of Government shall be administered by Portland State University. The president of Portland State University shall appoint the director of the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government.

(2) The purposes of the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government are:

(a) To prepare students for careers in political service, public administration and the administration of justice;

(b) To perform the duties required of the school under ORS 36.179, 183.502 and 390.240; and

(c) To assist the Criminal Justice Research and Policy Institute in carrying out the duties under subsection (3) of this section.

(3) There is created within the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government the Criminal Justice Research and Policy Institute. The institute may assist the Legislative Assembly and state and local governments in developing policies to reduce crime and delinquency by:

(a) Providing the Legislative Assembly with objective, nonpartisan analyses of existing or proposed state criminal justice policies, which analyses may not be inconsistent with state or federal law or the Oregon or United States Constitution;

(b) Evaluating programs, including but not limited to programs dealing with public safety professionalism, ethics in leadership and childhood development, funded directly or indirectly by the State of Oregon that are intended to reduce criminal and delinquent behavior or to improve professionalism in public safety careers;

(c) Managing reviews and evaluations relating to major long-term issues confronting the state involving criminal and juvenile justice, public safety professionalism, ethics in leadership and early childhood development programs;

(d) Initiating, sponsoring, conducting and publishing research on criminal and juvenile justice, public safety professionalism, ethics in leadership and early childhood development that is peer reviewed and directly useful to policymakers;

(e) Organizing conferences on current state issues that bring together policymakers, public agencies and leading academicians; and

(f) Seeking to strengthen the links among the Legislative Assembly, state and local governments, the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and the academic community in the interest of more informed policymaking, the application of best practices and more relevant academic research.

(4) The Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the chairperson of a legislative committee with responsibility over criminal or juvenile justice systems or childhood development programs may request the assistance of the Criminal Justice Research and Policy Institute in evaluating criminal or juvenile justice programs developed for, but not necessarily limited to, preventing delin-

quency, reducing crime and improving professionalism in public safety careers.

(5) Agencies, departments and officers of state and local governments may assist the Criminal Justice Research and Policy Institute in the performance of its functions and furnish information, data and advice as requested by the institute. [2001 c.140 §2; 2003 c.791 §§30,30a; 2005 c.453 §§1,2; 2005 c.817 §8; 2009 c.762 §76; 2011 c.595 §103]

352.067 Oregon Criminal Justice Scientific Advisory Committee. The Oregon Criminal Justice Scientific Advisory Committee is established to provide assistance and advice to the Criminal Justice Research and Policy Institute. The director of the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government shall appoint the members of the advisory committee. In order to serve as a member of the advisory committee, a person must have earned a graduate degree in a related field from an accredited university. [2005 c.453 §3]

Note: 352.067 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

352.068 Center for Lakes and Reservoirs. (1) Pursuant to ORS 351.870, there is created within the Oregon University System the Center for Lakes and Reservoirs. The Center for Lakes and Reservoirs shall be administered by Portland State University.

(2) The purpose of the Center for Lakes and Reservoirs is to assist state and federal agencies in researching and mitigating nonindigenous, invasive aquatic species in this state and to work with communities in developing effective management of lakes and reservoirs. [2001 c.140 §3; 2009 c.762 §77]

352.070 [Repealed by 1961 c.238 §1]

352.071 Graduate School of Social Work. (1) Pursuant to ORS 351.870, there is created within the Oregon University System the Graduate School of Social Work. The Graduate School of Social Work shall be administered by Portland State University.

(2) The purpose of the Graduate School of Social Work is to provide a center for specialized education and research in the social services for the betterment of communities in the Portland metropolitan area, the state and the Pacific Northwest. [2001 c.140 §4; 2009 c.762 §78]

352.073 [1985 c.770 §12; 1995 c.162 §76; renumbered 353.460 in 1995]

352.074 Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies. (1) Pursuant to ORS 351.870, there is created within the Oregon University System the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies. The Institute of Port-

land Metropolitan Studies shall be administered by Portland State University.

(2) The purpose of the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies is to build partnerships between Portland State University's urban studies programs and the surrounding communities of metropolitan Portland and to sponsor public service research. [2001 c.140 §5; 2009 c.762 §79]

352.075 [1967 c.539 §§1,2; repealed by 1975 c.693 §21]

352.077 [1985 c.770 §14; 1987 c.879 §14; repealed by 1995 c.162 §94]

352.080 [Renumbered 352.035]

352.083 [1985 c.770 §18; 1995 c.162 §78; renumbered 353.470 in 1995]

352.090 [Renumbered 352.045]

352.095 [1989 c.893 §8; 1991 c.947 §11; renumbered 353.450 in 1995]

352.100 [Amended by 1957 c.595 §1; 1975 c.693 §4; 1983 c.740 §116a; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.110 [Amended by 1975 c.693 §5; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.120 [Amended by 1975 c.693 §6; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.130 [Repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.140 [Amended by 1983 c.740 §117; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.150 [Amended by 1969 c.597 §58; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.160 [Repealed by 1961 c.238 §1]

352.165 [1973 c.644 §1; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.167 [1973 c.644 §2; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.170 [Repealed by 1957 c.595 §3]

352.173 [1973 c.644 §3; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.175 [1973 c.644 §4; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.180 [Repealed by 1957 c.595 §3]

352.185 [Amended by 1957 c.595 §2; repealed by 1961 c.238 §1]

352.190 [Amended by 1953 c.720 §3; repealed by 1955 c.12 §5]

352.195 [1955 c.12 §§1,3,4; 1969 c.6 §1; 1977 c.144 §1; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.200 [Amended by 1953 c.720 §3; repealed by 1955 c.12 §5]

352.201 [1959 c.566 §1; 1973 c.70 §2; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.205 [1959 c.566 §3; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.210 [Repealed by 1955 c.12 §5]

352.211 [1959 c.622 §1; repealed by 1977 c.64 §1]

352.215 [1959 c.674 §§1,2; repealed by 1977 c.64 §1]

352.220 [Repealed by 1955 c.12 §5]

OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

352.221 Oregon Renewable Energy Center. (1) Pursuant to ORS 351.870, there is created within the Oregon University System the Oregon Renewable Energy Center. The Oregon Renewable Energy Center shall be administered by the Oregon Institute of Technology.

(2) The purpose of the Oregon Renewable Energy Center is to engage in renewable energy system engineering and applied research.

(3) The Oregon University System may receive moneys from any public or private source to support the Oregon Renewable Energy Center. Gifts and grants received to support the Oregon Renewable Energy Center shall be credited to the appropriate fund at the Oregon Institute of Technology by the Oregon University System. [2001 c.818 §2; 2009 c.762 §80]

352.223 Oregon Center for Health Professions. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Allied health education programs" includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Radiologic science;

(B) Nuclear medicine;

(C) Sonography;

(D) Vascular technology;

(E) Dental hygiene;

(F) Respiratory care;

(G) Clinical laboratory sciences; and

(H) Emergency medical services provider education.

(b) "Allied health education programs" does not include any undergraduate or graduate nursing program administered by Oregon Health and Science University.

(2) There is created within the Oregon University System the Oregon Center for Health Professions. The Oregon Center for Health Professions shall be administered by the Oregon Institute of Technology.

(3) The purposes of the Oregon Center for Health Professions are to:

(a) Provide continued development of bachelor's degree level education programs in areas of allied health;

(b) Facilitate the creation of new partnerships between the health care industry and community colleges, private institutions of higher education and public universities listed in ORS 352.002 in order to increase the number of students and graduates in allied health education programs;

(c) Provide continuing education, professional development and certificate programs for allied health care professionals; and

(d) Align with and complement educational partnerships between the Oregon Institute of Technology and Oregon Health and Science University focusing on allied health education programs.

(4) The Oregon University System may receive moneys from any public or private source to support the Oregon Center for Health Professions. Gifts and grants received

to support the Oregon Center for Health Professions shall be credited to the appropriate fund at the Oregon Institute of Technology by the Oregon University System. [2005 c.548 §1; 2009 c.762 §81; 2011 c.637 §243; 2011 c.703 §32]

Note: 352.223 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

352.230 Oregon State University designated as agricultural college of the state; Sea Grant College; program in Veterinary Medicine. (1) Oregon State University is designated and permanently adopted as the agricultural college of the state and shall provide, in accordance with the objectives sought by Congress in the establishment of state agricultural colleges, instruction in agriculture and the mechanic arts. The university is also a Sea Grant College dedicated to education and research in the marine sciences.

(2) The State Board of Higher Education is authorized to enter into agreements with its counterpart in the State of Idaho and with the Board of Regents of Washington State University for cooperative development of the program in Veterinary Medicine. [Amended by 1953 c.362 §1; 1961 c.54 §1; 1987 c.246 §6]

352.239 Institute for Natural Resources. (1) There is created within the Oregon University System the Institute for Natural Resources. The Institute for Natural Resources shall be administered by Oregon State University and other institutions in the Oregon University System.

(2) The Institute for Natural Resources shall serve the following purposes:

(a) Serve as a clearinghouse for scientifically based natural resources information.

(b) Provide scientifically based natural resources information to the public in integrated and accessible formats.

(c) Coordinate efforts with other state agencies and bodies to provide natural resources information to the public in a comprehensive manner.

(d) Facilitate and conduct research.

(e) Provide information and technical tools to assist decision-making on natural resources issues.

(f) Assist the State Parks and Recreation Commission in carrying out the Natural Areas Program by maintaining a data bank that contains a classification of natural heritage resources and an inventory of the locations of the resources. At a minimum, the institute shall record in the data bank the location of state natural areas, the natural

heritage resources in those areas, sites that are inhabited by rare species, and lists that rank by rarity species, plant communities and ecosystem types. The institute shall make the information included in the data bank available to private landowners, researchers and local, state and federal agencies.

(g) Assist the State Parks and Recreation Department in carrying out the Natural Areas Program by reviewing and providing recommendations on proposals for registration and dedication of natural areas.

(3) When making observations on private land, an employee of an institution in the Oregon University System who is compiling information for the Natural Areas Program pursuant to subsection (2)(f) of this section must obtain permission from the landowner before entering the information into the data bank.

(4) Using existing resources, state agencies designated by the Governor shall enter into a memorandum of understanding, or other agreement deemed appropriate by the Governor, with the institute that defines and clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the agencies in order to prevent duplication of effort and to ensure that agency resources are used efficiently.

(5) State agencies may contract with the institute to fulfill agency needs regarding the collection, storage, integration, analysis, dissemination and monitoring of natural resources information and natural resources research and training. [2001 c.918 §12; 2003 c.661 §3; 2009 c.217 §11; 2009 c.762 §82; 2011 c.319 §18]

Note: 352.239 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

352.240 [Repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.245 Oregon Climate Service. (1) There is established an Oregon Climate Service to be located at Oregon State University. The service shall acquire, maintain, disseminate and interpret climate data and information for the state.

(2) The service shall:

(a) Assess the needs for weather and climate information in Oregon and establish priorities among the needs.

(b) Perform a service to citizens of Oregon by managing climate data for the state, and by disseminating such data and information to users.

(c) Assist in the coordination of existing activities within the state and among neighboring states.

(d) Advise regional, state and local government on climate related issues.

(e) Assist students and faculty in the Oregon University System by furnishing data and information needed in education and research programs.

(f) Study and analyze the relationships between climatic phenomena and activities in areas such as agriculture, water resources, energy production and use, air quality, building design and construction, transportation and communication, and business and commerce.

(g) Identify emerging climatic issues and anticipate public demand for information.

(h) Inform state, federal and private groups and the public on the availability and sources of climate-related services, information and data. [1991 c.727 §1]

352.247 Oregon Climate Change Research Institute. (1) There is created within the Oregon University System the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute. The institute shall be administered by Oregon State University and institutional partners within the Oregon University System.

(2) The purpose of the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute is to:

(a) Facilitate research by Oregon University System faculty on climate change and its effects on natural and human systems in Oregon;

(b) Serve as a clearinghouse for climate change information;

(c) Provide climate change information to the public in integrated and accessible formats;

(d) Support the Oregon Global Warming Commission in developing strategies to prepare for and to mitigate the effects of climate change on natural and human systems; and

(e) Provide technical assistance to local governments to assist them in developing climate change policies, practices and programs.

(3) The Oregon Climate Change Research Institute shall assess, at least once each biennium, the state of climate change science, including biological, physical and social science, as it relates to Oregon and the likely effects of climate change on the state. The institute shall submit the assessment to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 and to the Governor.

(4) State agencies may contract with the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute to fulfill agency needs regarding the collection, storage, integration, analysis, dissemination and monitoring of climate change information, research and training. [2007 c.907 §15; 2009 c.762 §83]

Note: 352.247 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

352.250 [Repealed by 1961 c.238 §1]

352.260 [Repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.270 [Repealed by 1983 c.740 §118]

352.275 [1967 c.349 §1; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.280 [Repealed by 1959 c.564 §16]

352.285 [1975 c.528 §§1,2; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.290 [Amended by 1961 c.127 §1; 1975 c.76 §1; 1977 c.152 §1; 1981 c.72 §1; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.300 [Amended by 1953 c.721 §3; 1977 c.152 §2; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.310 [Repealed by 1959 c.570 §3]

352.320 [Repealed by 1953 c.721 §3]

352.330 [Repealed by 1961 c.238 §1]

352.340 [Repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.350 [Repealed by 1961 c.238 §1]

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES GENERALLY

352.355 Establishment of certain public universities as comprehensive universities. Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University and Eastern Oregon University are established as comprehensive universities that offer a full range of baccalaureate programs and graduate programs through the master's degree. [1997 c.11 §3]

352.360 Traffic control on properties of public universities; rules; enforcement; fees; use. (1) The State Board of Higher Education may enact such regulations as the board deems convenient or necessary to provide for the policing, control and regulation of traffic and parking of vehicles on the property of any public university listed in ORS 352.002. The regulations may provide for the registration of vehicles, the designation of parking areas and the assessment and collection of reasonable fees and charges for parking. The board may require that before a quarterly or yearly parking privilege for any vehicle is granted to any full-time or part-time student to use board property, the student must show that the vehicle is operated by a student holding a valid driver license, that the vehicle is currently registered and that the student driving the vehicle is insured under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that meets the requirements described under ORS 806.080 or that the student or owner of the vehicle has provided the Department of Transportation with other satisfactory proof of compliance with the financial responsibility requirements of this state.

(2) The regulations enacted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be enforced administratively under procedures adopted by the board for each public university. Administrative and disciplinary sanc-

tions may be imposed upon students, faculty and staff for violation of the regulations, including but not limited to, a reasonable monetary penalty which may be deducted from student deposits, and faculty or staff salaries or other funds in the possession of the public university. The board shall provide opportunity for hearing for the determination of controversies in connection with imposition of fines or penalties. The board may prescribe procedures for such hearings despite the provisions of ORS 183.413 to 183.470. Persons other than students, faculty or staff may voluntarily submit to the hearing procedures prescribed by the board, and shall be bound by the results of the hearing. The powers granted to the board by this section are supplemental to the existing powers of the board with respect to the government of activities of students, faculty and staff and the control and management of property under its jurisdiction.

(3) The regulations enacted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section may also be enforced by the impoundment of vehicles, and a reasonable fee may be enacted for the cost of impoundment and storage, if any, prior to the release of the vehicles to their owners.

(4) All fees and charges for parking privileges and violations are deposited in a designated account in the Oregon University System Fund established by ORS 351.506 for the purpose of defraying the costs of constructing bicycle racks and bicycle lanes and of traffic control, enforcement of traffic and parking regulations and maintenance and operation of parking facilities and for the purpose of acquiring and constructing additional parking facilities for vehicles at the various public universities and offices, departments and activities under the control of the board. Fees and charges may also be credited to the account in the Oregon University System Fund designated by ORS 351.460. Parking fees shall be established at levels no greater than those required to finance the construction, operation and maintenance of parking facilities on the same campus of the public university for which the parking is provided. Notwithstanding ORS 351.072, parking fees or changes in fees shall be adopted by rule of the board subject to the procedure for rules adopted in ORS chapter 183.

(5) Every peace officer may enforce the regulations made by the board under subsection (1) of this section. The board, for the purpose of enforcing its rules and regulations governing traffic control, may appoint peace officers who have the same authority as other peace officers as defined in ORS 133.005.

(6) The board and any municipal corporation or any department, agency or political subdivision of this state may enter into agreements or contracts with each other for the purpose of providing a uniform system of enforcement of the rules and regulations of the board enacted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

(7) In proceedings brought to enforce regulations enacted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, it shall be sufficient to charge the defendant by an unsworn written notice in accordance with the provisions of ORS 221.333. In any case in which the defendant is not subject to and does not voluntarily submit to the hearing procedures prescribed under subsection (2) of this section, proceedings to enforce regulations enacted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be brought in the name of the board in a circuit court, a justice court or a city court for offenses committed within the territorial jurisdiction of such court. Such courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction over offenses committed within their respective jurisdictions. All fines, penalties and court costs recovered shall be paid to the clerk of the court involved and shall be disposed of as provided in ORS 153.640 to 153.680. [1959 c.569 §§1,2,3,4,5; 1969 c.622 §1; 1971 c.734 §22; 1973 c.836 §347; 1975 c.693 §7; 1977 c.825 §1; 1983 c.186 §1; 1989 c.990 §2; 1993 c.221 §3; 1995 c.79 §194; 1995 c.658 §103; 1999 c.448 §9; 2007 c.288 §15; 2009 c.762 §28; 2011 c.597 §133; 2011 c.637 §244]

352.370 Students unable because of religious beliefs to attend classes on certain days. (1) As used in this section, "school of higher education" means:

(a) Any public university listed in ORS 352.002.

(b) Any community college as defined in ORS 341.005.

(2) No student shall be refused admission to a school of higher education or be expelled from such a school for the sole reason that, because of religious beliefs, the student is unable to attend classes on a particular day.

(3) Any student in a school of higher education who, because of religious beliefs, is unable to attend classes on a particular day shall be excused on that day from any examination, study requirement or work requirement. However, at the student's own expense the student shall make up the examination, study requirement or work requirement missed because of the absence. [Formerly 351.765; 1965 c.100 §347; 1993 c.45 §294; 2011 c.637 §245]

352.375 Tuition for nonresident students who served in Armed Forces. (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college shall charge an enrolled student who is not a resident of this state

and who is attending classes as an undergraduate on a public university or community college campus in this state tuition and fees no greater than the resident rate plus 50 percent of the difference between the resident rate and the nonresident rate if the student served in the Armed Forces of the United States and was relieved or discharged from that service under honorable conditions.

(2) Every public university listed in ORS 352.002 and community college in this state shall participate to the fullest extent allowed in the federal educational assistance programs under the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-252) so as to reduce the overall tuition rate for students eligible for tuition rate reduction under subsection (1) of this section to the resident tuition rate.

(3) A person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and who receives federal tuition benefits in excess of the tuition and fees the person is charged under subsection (1) of this section at a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college where the person is enrolled shall pay tuition and fees equal to the federal tuition benefits received.

(4) Distance education and self-support courses as identified by each public university listed in ORS 352.002 and community college are exempt from the tuition reduction provisions of this section.

(5) If a nonresident student otherwise eligible for tuition benefits under this section is receiving federal vocational rehabilitation education benefits, that student shall pay full nonresident tuition and fees charged by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college. [2009 c.839 §1; 2011 c.637 §246]

Note: 352.375 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

352.380 Affirmative action plan; interview of qualified minority applicants. (1) As used in this section, “minority” means:

(a) A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa but who is not Hispanic;

(b) A person of Hispanic culture or origin;

(c) A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands; or

(d) An American Indian or Alaskan Native having origins in any of the original peoples of North America.

(2) Each public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall:

(a) Consider and maintain affirmative action plans and goals when reductions in faculty and staff are required as a result of:

(A) Reductions in revenue that necessitate discontinuance of its educational program at its anticipated level;

(B) Elimination of classes due to decreased student enrollment; or

(C) Reduction in courses due to administrative decisions.

(b) Interview one or more qualified minority applicants when hiring a head coach or athletic director, unless the public university was unable to identify a qualified minority applicant who was willing to interview for the position. It is an affirmative defense to a claim of a violation of this paragraph that the public university, in good faith, was unable to identify a qualified minority applicant who was willing to interview for the position. [1981 c.814 §1; 2009 c.780 §1; 2011 c.637 §247]

Note: The amendments to 352.380 by section 3, chapter 780, Oregon Laws 2009, become operative January 2, 2020. See section 4, chapter 780, Oregon Laws 2009. The text that is operative on and after January 2, 2020, including amendments by section 248, chapter 637, Oregon Laws 2011, is set forth for the user's convenience.

352.380. Each public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall consider and maintain affirmative action plans and goals when reductions in faculty and staff are required as a result of:

(1) Reductions in revenue that necessitate discontinuance of its educational program at its anticipated level;

(2) Elimination of classes due to decreased student enrollment; or

(3) Reduction in courses due to administrative decisions.

UNIVERSITY LAW ENFORCEMENT

352.383 University police departments and officers; rules. (1) The State Board of Higher Education may, at the request of a public university under its control, authorize the university to establish a police department and commission one or more employees as police officers. A police department established under this section has all of the authority and immunity of a municipal police department of this state.

(2) Police officers commissioned under this section:

(a) May enforce criminal laws and any administrative rules and policies adopted by the board or the commissioning university; and

(b) Have all the authority and immunity of a peace officer or police officer of this state.

(3) When a university establishes a police department and commissions one or more employees as police officers, the president of the university, in cooperation with the chief of the police department, shall establish a process by which the university will receive and respond to complaints involving the policies of the police department and the conduct of the police officers.

(4) The board may:

(a) Enter into an agreement, or authorize a university under its control to enter into an agreement, with a municipal corporation or any department, agency or political subdivision of this state for the provision of mutual aid by their respective police officers.

(b) Adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section. [2011 c.506 §1]

Note: 352.383 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

352.385 Special campus security officers; authority; training; expense. (1) The State Board of Higher Education may, at the request of a public university under its control, authorize the university to commission one or more of its employees as special campus security officers. The total number of special campus security officers commissioned at the public universities in the Oregon University System may not exceed 50. Special campus security officers shall have stop and frisk authority as set forth in ORS 131.605 to 131.625 and probable cause arrest authority and the accompanying immunities as set forth in ORS 133.310 and 133.315 when acting in the scope of their employment as defined by the State Board of Higher Education. Special campus security officers shall not be authorized to carry firearms as police officers and, except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall not be considered police officers for purposes of ORS 181.610, 238.005, 243.005 or 243.736.

(2) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall train special campus security officers at the expense of the State Board of Higher Education.

(3) The State Board of Higher Education, acting by and through its special campus security officers, is a criminal justice agency for purposes of rules adopted pursuant to ORS 181.730 (3). [1987 c.745 §§1,2; 1995 c.364 §1; 1997 c.853 §37; 2011 c.637 §249]

REGIONAL SERVICES INSTITUTES

352.390 Regional services institutes; general program; location. (1) The State Board of Higher Education shall cause to have prepared and submitted to the Legislative Assembly a program and time schedule

for the establishment of regional services institutes at appropriate public universities. The program shall include academic curriculum and practical training appropriate to train students in various aspects of economic and community services planning, with particular emphasis on economic services planning for areas of the state that have common geographic, economic and social characteristics but that do not have sufficient population to qualify as metropolitan statistical areas.

(2) In carrying out its duties under subsection (1) of this section, the board shall consult with the Oregon Business Development Department and shall rely on the department for technical advice and, as necessary, technical services. The board shall also consult with community colleges, the Oregon State University Extension Service, economic development districts and special districts providing community and economic development services in the region in order to prepare curriculum and programs with particular emphasis on streamlining existing programs, avoiding duplication and overlap of programs, better utilizing students and resources and identifying needs in the region that are currently unaddressed.

(3) In preparing programs for establishing regional services institutes, the board shall give priority to establishing institutes at Eastern Oregon University and Southern Oregon University. The board may also direct the hiring of an institute director and other staff as may be from time to time required. [1973 c.692 §1; 1979 c.620 §1; 1997 c.11 §9; 2009 c.11 §45; 2011 c.637 §250]

352.400 Program purpose and function. Programs prepared under ORS 352.390 shall include proposals for training students and utilizing resources in the following, using the region in which the institute is located as the training area:

(1) Developing specific resources on the campus where the institute is to be located to assist with orderly and balanced economic and community services and for the development and implementation of training and assistance programs;

(2) Providing technical and research assistance on request to political subdivisions, special districts, businesses located in the region and businesses which might prospectively locate in the region;

(3) Locating markets for local manufacturers and processors and aiding local merchants in locating and contacting markets;

(4) Investigating and studying conditions affecting local business, industry and commerce and collecting and disseminating information, and engaging in technical studies,

scientific investigations, and statistical research and educational activities necessary or useful for the promoting and developing local business and industry upon request of local business and industry for such aid;

(5) Assembling and coordinating information relative to the status, scope, cost and employment possibilities and the availability of materials, equipment and labor in connection with public works projects, state, county and municipal; recommending limitations on public works; gathering current progress information with respect to public works being conducted in the local area and report such information to the Oregon Business Development Commission where such sources in the region do not presently exist;

(6) Gathering, compiling and making available statistical information relating to business, trade, commerce, industry, transportation, communication, natural resources and other related subjects in the region, with reliance on other agencies of the state and the region, whether public or private, for statistical data and results obtained by them;

(7) Publishing, disseminating and distributing information and statistics acquired by the institute;

(8) Aiding the communities in the region in getting businesses to locate therein by disseminating information as to natural resources, desirable locations and other advantages of the community upon request of the community for such aid;

(9) Cooperating with municipal, county, regional and other planning agencies and planning groups within the state for the purpose of promoting coordination between the state and localities as to plans and development in order to maintain a high level of gainful employment in private profitable production and achieve commensurate advancement in social and cultural welfare; and

(10) Aiding in coordinating the activities of statewide and local planning agencies, correlating information secured from them, assisting in problem solving and resolving state department concerns on a regional level if appropriate, securing and disseminating information and suggestions to such planning agencies; and encouraging and assisting in the organization and functioning of local planning agencies where none exist. [1973 c.692 §2; 1979 c.620 §2; 1995 c.79 §195]

352.410 [1979 c.782 §1; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.420 [1979 c.782 §2; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.430 [1979 c.782 §3; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.440 [1979 c.782 §4; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

PUBLIC UNIVERSITY FINANCES

352.510 Account for maintenance, use and support of University of Oregon; limitations on use. The interest that may accrue on an account arising from the sale of lands for public universities that were donated to the state by Act of Congress of February 14, 1859, may be deposited in and credited to an account in the Oregon University System Fund established by ORS 351.506 for the purpose of the maintenance, use and support of the University of Oregon. No part of the interest may be expended otherwise than in the payment of the salaries of the president, professors and teachers of the University of Oregon and other current expenses of the University of Oregon. If at the close of any fiscal year an amount equal to or greater than \$500 of the interest remains unexpended after the full payment of the salaries and expenses for the fiscal year, the amount shall be added to and become a part of the principal of the account. The State Board of Higher Education or the faculty or other officers of the University of Oregon may not pledge the faith or credit of the University of Oregon in excess of the interest annually accruing on the account, together with the receipts from tuitions and other sources during the current year. [Amended by 1989 c.966 §38; 2005 c.755 §26; 2009 c.762 §29; 2011 c.637 §251]

352.520 Loan of moneys in account designated by ORS 352.510. All moneys belonging to the account designated by ORS 352.510 shall be loaned by the Department of State Lands in accordance with the provisions of ORS 327.425 to 327.455 governing loans from the Common School Fund. [Amended by 2009 c.762 §31]

352.530 Interest on loans from account designated by ORS 352.510. The Department of State Lands shall pay the interest received on loans from the account designated by ORS 352.510 to the State Board of Higher Education semiannually. [Amended by 2009 c.762 §32]

352.540 [Repealed by 1987 c.102 §4]

352.550 [Repealed by 1961 c.238 §1]

352.560 Account for endowment, maintenance and support of Oregon State University; limitations on use. (1) An account in the Oregon University System Fund established by ORS 351.506 is designated for the endowment, maintenance and support of Oregon State University.

(2) The account designated by this section consists of moneys arising from the sale of all lands granted to the State of Oregon, or to which the state was entitled, under the Act of July 2, 1862 (12 Stat. 503), as amended. Interest arising from the account may not be applied to the purchase of sites

or for buildings for Oregon State University. Interest from the account may be used only in the payment of the salaries of professors, officers and other current expenses. The remainder of any interest remaining at the close of each fiscal year after the payment of the expenses described in this section shall be added to and become a part of the principal of the account. [Amended by 1969 c.594 §49; 1989 c.966 §39; 2005 c.755 §27; 2009 c.762 §33]

352.570 Loan of moneys in account designated by ORS 352.560. All moneys belonging to the account designated by ORS 352.560 shall be loaned by the Department of State Lands in accordance with ORS 327.425 to 327.455, governing loans from the Common School Fund. [Amended by 1969 c.594 §50; 2009 c.762 §34]

352.580 Interest on loans from account designated by ORS 352.560. The Department of State Lands shall pay the interest received on loans from the account designated by ORS 352.560 to the State Board of Higher Education semiannually. [Amended by 1969 c.594 §51; 2009 c.762 §35]

352.590 [Repealed by 1961 c.238 §1]

352.600 [Amended by 1969 c.594 §52; 1995 c.118 §1; repealed by 2009 c.762 §98]

352.610 J.T. Apperson Agricultural College Educational Fund; general powers and duties of trustee; rules. (1) Oregon State University shall execute the trust created by the last will and testament of John T. Apperson, deceased. The university shall administer the trust fund provided for and designated in the will as the J. T. Apperson Agricultural College Educational Fund.

(2) Oregon State University may accept, receive, own, hold, sell and dispose of any and all real and personal property given, devised or bequeathed to the State Land Board by John T. Apperson in trust for the purpose of creating the J. T. Apperson Agricultural College Educational Fund. The university shall manage and use it in accordance with the directions contained in the will of John T. Apperson, deceased, for the purpose of defraying the expenses and assisting in the education at Oregon State University of deserving young men and women who are residents of Oregon and are unable to bear the expense of a collegiate course at that institution.

(3) All necessary expenses incurred by Oregon State University in connection with the administration of the trust fund shall be payable out of the fund. The State Board of Higher Education or the university, if authority is delegated under ORS 351.070, may adopt any necessary rules for the transaction of business related to and the carrying out of this section and ORS 352.620. [Amended by 1969 c.594 §53; 1995 c.118 §2; 2009 c.762 §36]

352.620 Execution of instruments. Oregon State University may execute all deeds, conveyances, contracts, mortgage releases and all other instruments necessary to be executed in carrying out the terms of the trust referred to in ORS 352.610. All such deeds and other instruments may be executed in manner and form as prescribed by the university and shall be entitled to record without acknowledgment. [Amended by 1969 c.594 §54; 1995 c.118 §3; 2009 c.762 §36a]

352.630 [Amended by 1969 c.594 §55; 1995 c.118 §4; repealed by 2009 c.762 §98]

352.640 [Amended by 1969 c.594 §56; 1975 c.605 §19; repealed by 1987 c.246 §8]

352.650 Deposit of Apperson and Burbank funds. Whenever any moneys in the J. T. Apperson Agricultural College Educational Fund or the Burbank Trust Fund are not required for investment or loan purposes, the trustee may require the State Treasurer to deposit the moneys in a designated account in the Oregon University System Fund established by ORS 351.506. Any interest received from the deposit of any trust funds shall be credited to the particular fund on which the interest was earned. [Amended by 1989 c.966 §40; 2009 c.762 §37]

352.655 [2007 c.666 §3; 2009 c.762 §84; repealed by 2011 c.595 §112]

352.660 [Repealed by 1961 c.238 §1]

POLICY ON INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

352.665 Legislative findings. The Legislative Assembly finds that:

(1) The current and future need for higher education services in Oregon is too great and too diverse to be met by government-sponsored institutions alone.

(2) From the early 1840s the citizens of Oregon, through private initiative, have created and sustained a variety of independent not-for-profit institutions of higher education, irrevocably organized as public benefit corporations in service to the people of Oregon. For the purposes of ORS 352.665 to 352.675, "independent institutions" or "independent higher education" refers to such institutions.

(3) These independent institutions:

(a) Conduct teaching, research and public service of high quality, contributing substantially to the preparation of a professional workforce, to the intellectual and cultural quality of life in Oregon and to the individual character of social responsibility so highly prized in this state and nation;

(b) Provide a major share of all post-secondary education in Oregon, at the lowest cost to the taxpayer;

(c) Add meaningful and valued diversity to the array of post-secondary educational opportunities available to Oregonians;

(d) Are accessible to qualified students of all ethnic backgrounds and from all socio-economic levels;

(e) Annually attract thousands of talented people to Oregon from other regions of the country and the world;

(f) Provide unique local opportunities in higher education that many Oregonians would otherwise leave the state to find;

(g) Attract and sustain voluntary donations of private time, treasure and talent from thousands of citizens in public service toward fulfilling the educational needs of the larger community; and

(h) Constitute a sizable economic enterprise.

(4) The educational capital and services of these independent institutions are essential to meeting the current and future higher educational needs of Oregon's citizens. [1993 c.325 §1]

Note: 352.665 to 352.675 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 352 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

352.667 Public purpose to encourage and increase opportunities in independent higher education. Based on the legislative findings described in ORS 352.665, the Legislative Assembly declares that it is an important public interest to encourage and increase opportunities in independent higher education for the people of Oregon. [1993 c.325 §2]

Note: See note under 352.665.

352.669 Policies and practices of state agencies and Oregon University System. The Legislative Assembly declares that all state agencies and the Oregon University System should pursue policies and engage in practices that enhance the vitality of independent higher education in Oregon and should cooperate with the state's independent institutions. [1993 c.325 §3; 2011 c.637 §252]

Note: See note under 352.665.

352.670 [Repealed by 1961 c.238 §1]

352.672 State financial aid for students. The Legislative Assembly declares that it is an important public interest, and an appropriate objective of the state, that Oregonians who need financial assistance to attend an independent institution in Oregon should have access to state financial aid. [1993 c.325 §4]

Note: See note under 352.665.

352.675 State policies to enhance and encourage independent higher education. The Legislative Assembly declares its ongoing interest in state policies that:

(1) Enhance the ability of independent institutions to sustain and expand their services in Oregon;

(2) Complement, assist and strengthen existing or planned programs and activities of independent institutions in Oregon while maintaining high academic and administrative standards;

(3) Encourage broad public participation in independent higher education;

(4) Promote coordination among independent and community colleges and state universities;

(5) Stimulate and encourage private initiative and financial support in connection with the programs and activities of independent higher education;

(6) Encourage recognition of the contributions made by independent higher education to the well-being of the state and to the development of the individual; and

(7) Develop, maintain and provide the public with sufficient information concerning independent educational opportunities within the state. [1993 c.325 §5; 1997 c.11 §10]

Note: See note under 352.665.

352.680 [Repealed by 1961 c.238 §1]

AID TO INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS

352.710 Policy. It is hereby determined and declared as a matter of legislative finding that:

(1) Independent institutions of higher education in the state educate a substantial share of all post-secondary students in Oregon and such nonpublic institutions make an important contribution to post-secondary education in Oregon.

(2) The state's duty to support the achieving of public welfare purposes in education may be, in part, fulfilled by the state's support of those nonsectarian educational objectives achieved through nonpublic post-secondary institutions.

(3) Many of Oregon's private and independent institutions of higher learning face serious financial difficulties and, should any of these institutions be forced to close, many of their students would seek admission in public institutions creating an added financial burden to the state and an impairment of post-secondary education in Oregon. Such hazards may be substantially reduced and all education in the state improved through the purchase of nonsectarian educational services from Oregon's private and independent institutions. [1971 c.693 §1]

352.720 Definitions for ORS 352.710 to 352.760. As used in ORS 352.710 to 352.760, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Private and independent institutions of higher education" or "institution" means any nonpublic and nonprofit college or university in the State of Oregon accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and any chiropractic college located in this state and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education, or its successor.

(2) "Nonsectarian educational services" means the providing of instruction in secular subjects.

(3) "Secular subjects" means any course which is presented in the curriculum of a private and independent institution of higher education which is not hobby or recreational in nature or which does not advocate the religious teachings or the morals or forms of worship of any sect. [1971 c.693 §2; 1973 c.721 §6; 1977 c.735 §1; 1977 c.768 §2; 1978 c.1 §4; 1989 c.845 §3; 1999 c.704 §20; 2011 c.637 §253]

352.730 Contracts with independent institutions for nonsectarian and nonreligious educational services. (1) The Oregon Student Access Commission may enter into contracts with private and independent institutions of higher education for the performance of nonsectarian educational services to assist the state in providing educational opportunities for Oregon students.

(2) The commission may accept grants, gifts, bequests, and devises of real and personal property to carry out the purposes of ORS 352.710 to 352.760.

(3) No funds disbursed pursuant to ORS 352.710 to 352.760 shall be used by any recipient for any religious purpose. [1971 c.693 §3; 1981 c.213 §1; 2011 c.637 §254]

352.740 Computation of payments under contracts. Payments to private and independent institutions of higher education under contracts entered into under ORS 352.730 shall be determined by the Oregon Student Access Commission on a uniform rate for every 45 quarter hours, or equivalent, of approved and registered course work in nonsectarian subjects completed by undergraduate students enrolled in the institutions who are residents of Oregon, and shall not exceed the actual cost to the institution of providing such educational services. This uniform rate shall apply to the estimated 45-hour units for each institution upon which the legislative appropriation is based for that year, or the actual 45-hour units for each institution, whichever is the lesser. Any remaining funds shall be distributed among those institutions whose actual 45-hour units exceed the estimate. The distribution to each

institution shall be according to the uniform rate established for the 45-hour units or an amount equal to the ratio that the excess units bear to 45. However, if insufficient funds are available for such a distribution, then the distribution shall be according to the ratio that the total number of 45-hour units in excess of the estimate bears to the total amount of funds remaining undistributed, multiplied by the number of excess 45-hour units, if any, at each institution. [1971 c.693 §4; 1973 c.815 §5; 1977 c.768 §1; 2011 c.637 §255]

352.750 Rules. In accordance with any applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the Oregon Student Access Commission may make such reasonable rules and regulations as are necessary or proper to carry out ORS 352.710 to 352.760. [1971 c.693 §5; 2011 c.637 §256]

352.760 Severability. If a part of ORS 352.710 to 352.760 is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of ORS 352.710 to 352.760 is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications. [1971 c.693 §7]

FINANCE OF EDUCATION FACILITIES BY MUNICIPALITY

352.790 Definitions for ORS 352.790 to 352.820. As used in ORS 352.790 to 352.820, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Education facilities" means real or personal property owned or operated by an educational institution and used to provide post-secondary education. "Education facilities" includes administrative offices, student and staff parking and on-campus dormitories, but does not include property used for sectarian instruction nor used primarily as a place of religious worship or as a part of a program of a school or department of divinity for any religious denomination or for the religious training of ministers, priests, rabbis or other similar persons in the field of religion.

(2) "Education facilities costs" means all costs of acquiring, constructing and improving education facilities, and capitalized interest, reserves, costs of credit enhancements and costs of issuing and paying revenue bonds.

(3) "Education facility revenues" means repayments of loans authorized by ORS 352.800 (3), and any moneys derived from rights or property which are security for such a loan.

(4) "Educational institution" means any nonprofit institution located in this state

which grants post-secondary degrees and is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges or affiliated nonprofit foundations whose role is to further the mission of qualified institutions.

(5) "Municipality" means any city or county.

(6) "Revenue bond" means a revenue bond as defined in ORS 287A.001 that is issued by a municipality pursuant to ORS 352.790 to 352.820. [1987 c.812 §1; 2007 c.783 §153]

352.795 Finance of education facilities by municipalities. In order to provide the people of this state with access to quality post-secondary education at a reasonable cost, and to provide an educated workforce which promotes economic development within this state, the Legislative Assembly authorizes municipalities to finance education facilities in accordance with ORS 352.790 to 352.820. [1987 c.812 §2]

352.800 Powers of municipality. Except as otherwise provided in ORS 352.810, a municipality shall have all powers necessary to finance education facilities in accordance with ORS 352.790 to 352.820, including the power:

(1) To borrow money and to issue revenue bonds to finance education facilities costs or to refund revenue bonds pursuant to ORS 287A.150.

(2) To pledge education facility revenues to pay revenue bonds.

(3) To loan money to educational institutions to finance education facilities and to enter into loan contracts.

(4) To enter into covenants with the owners of revenue bonds which are intended to protect the rights of such owners.

(5) To contract with trustees to hold and administer education facility revenues and the proceeds of revenue bonds.

(6) To take any other action necessary to carry out the powers granted by ORS 352.790 to 352.820. [1987 c.812 §3; 2007 c.783 §154]

352.805 Revenue bonds; issuance; trust funds; pledge; terms; legal effect. (1) Revenue bonds shall be payable solely from that portion of education facility revenues which the municipality pledges therefor in the resolution authorizing issuance of revenue bonds.

(2) A municipality may authorize the issuance of revenue bonds by resolution or

nonemergency ordinance under the procedure described in ORS 287A.150.

(3) The resolution may provide for the establishment of one or more special funds and may place such funds under the control of one or more trustees. The resolution may obligate the municipality to deposit and expend the proceeds of the revenue bonds only into and from such fund or funds, and to set aside and pay into such fund or funds specified education facility revenues.

(4) Any pledge of education facility revenues made by a municipality shall be valid and binding, without physical delivery or additional action, from the time that the pledge is made against any parties having subsequent claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against a municipality or an educational institution, irrespective of whether such parties have actual notice thereof. The pledge shall be noted in the resolution authorizing issuance of revenue bonds, which shall be constructive notice thereof to all parties and the resolution need not be recorded, nor shall the filing of any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code be required to perfect such pledge.

(5) The municipality may establish the terms under which its revenue bonds shall be issued and sold.

(6) All revenue bonds issued pursuant to ORS 352.790 to 352.820 shall be legal securities which may be used by any insured institution or trust company, as those terms are defined in ORS 706.008, for deposit with the State Treasurer or a county treasurer or city treasurer as security for deposits in lieu of a surety bond under any law relating to deposits of public moneys. The revenue bond shall constitute legal investments for public bodies, trustees and other fiduciaries, banks, savings and loan associations and insurance companies. All revenue bonds shall constitute negotiable instruments within the meaning of and for all purposes of the law of this state. [1987 c.812 §4; 1997 c.631 §465; 2003 c.195 §27; 2007 c.783 §155]

352.810 Revenue bonds secured by education facility revenues. Revenue bonds shall not be a general bond of any municipality nor a charge upon the tax revenues of any municipality, and shall be secured solely by the education facility revenues pledged to their payment. [1987 c.812 §5]

352.815 Municipalities acting jointly. All powers and duties provided in ORS 352.790 to 352.820 may be exercised or dis-

charged by two or more municipalities acting jointly. A municipality may issue revenue bonds to finance education facilities located within the boundaries of another municipality. [1987 c.812 §6]

352.820 Investment of revenues. Notwithstanding ORS chapter 294, education facility revenues and the proceeds of revenue

bonds may be invested in any classes of security which are described in the resolution authorizing issuance of the revenue bonds or are otherwise approved by the municipality. [1987 c.812 §7]

352.990 [Subsection (2) enacted as 1959 c.569 §6; 1969 c.622 §2; 1983 c.186 §2; 1983 c.338 §917; 1985 c.16 §475; repealed by 1987 c.158 §63 and 1987 c.246 §8]

