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TO: Education Subcommittee Members

FROM: Paul Siebert, LFO

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RE: Oregon University System Budget – HB 5031

The Oregon University System works to accomplish four broad goals to produce the highest level of educational outcomes for Oregonians: 1) Create in Oregon an educated citizenry to support responsible roles in a democratic society and provide a globally competitive workforce to drive the state's economy, while ensuring access for all qualified Oregonians to a quality post-secondary education; 2) Ensure high-quality student learning leading to subsequent student success; 3) Create original knowledge and advance innovation; and 4) Contribute positively to the economic, civic, and cultural life of communities in all regions of Oregon.

Budget Notes: The following budget notes were included in SB 5532, the budget bill for OUS:

Budget Note:

In adopting the budget for the Oregon University System, the Legislature intends that increases in the rates for tuition paid by resident undergraduate students at Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, Portland State University and the University of Oregon may not exceed an average of eight percent for the two years of the biennium and may not exceed nine percent in any given year. Increases in the rates for tuition paid by resident undergraduate students at Eastern Oregon University, Southern Oregon University and Western Oregon University may not exceed an average of 6.5 percent for the two years of the biennium, and 7.5 percent in any given year. The Chancellor shall report to the Legislature by March 1, 2012 regarding increases in the rates for tuition paid by resident undergraduate students for the 2011-12 academic year. If the State Board of Higher Education proposes to increase rates in excess of the legislatively intended rates stated above, the Chancellor shall report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means or the Emergency Board prior to the Board approving any such increases.

<u>Secretary of State Audits</u>: There were two audits covering annual financial reports for OUS posted on the Secretary of State issued this biennium.

The last audit posted by the Secretary of State "Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012" was issued in December 2012 and can be reviewed at the following web link: http://www.sos.state.or.us/audits/pages/state_audits/full/2012/2012-33.pdf

<u>Additional Materials</u>: On OLIS you will also find the agency PowerPoint presentation, presentation appendices, and the 2013-15 Governor's Budget document.