

STATE PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

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Background

In 2013, as recommended in the Governor's budget, the Legislature separated the Educational and General (E&G) appropriation into two new categories:

- Public University Support Fund –direct operational support for students and institutions
- State Programs – institutes, centers and programs that address economic development, natural resource, and other issues, providing public service across the state
(Note that this is a separate category from the long-standing appropriations for Statewide Public Services, with distinct appropriations to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension Services, and Forest Research Laboratory.)

Engineering and Technology Industry Council (ETIC)

Formed in 1997 with the passing of SB 504, ETIC (the Engineering and Technology Industry Council) was established to provide a private-public partnership between OUS and the Oregon Graduate Institute (OGI). ETIC has been overseen since 2005 by the OUS Industry Affairs Department. The mission of ETIC is “to make post-secondary engineering and technology education a strategic resource that fuels the Oregon economy and creates opportunity for all Oregonians. It establishes success criteria and measurements for investments in these areas, makes specific investment recommendations, and monitors the results of these investments.”

Legislation proposed during the 2015 session would abolish ETIC (HB 2406) and create the Oregon Talent Council (HB 2728). Funding for ETIC previously was appropriated to the State Board of Higher Education for allocations in conjunction with recommendations from ETIC. For 2015-17, funding for sustaining funds resides with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for allocation to the universities. Funding for renewable funds would be appropriated to the Oregon Talent Council.

Dispute Resolution – PSU & UO

In 2003 the Legislature passed SB 904, which transferred the programs of the Dispute Resolution Commission to the Oregon University System and abolished the Commission effective September, 2003. The University of Oregon, School of Law administers the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution (OOCDR) which provides mediation services and conflict resolution training to private parties. The OOCDR also provides funding and training support to 17 community dispute resolution centers which serve 25 Oregon counties. The Portland State University, Hatfield School of Government administers the Oregon Consensus program, within the National Policy Consensus Center, to mediate disputes involving public bodies or public lands.

Oregon Solutions – PSU

Oregon Solutions grew out of the State of Oregon's Sustainability Act of 2001 (HB 3948). The program was first housed within the executive branch of state government, then, in January of 2002, was moved, in conjunction with the National Policy Consensus Center at Portland State University, to the College of Urban and Public Affairs at PSU. Oregon Solutions promotes a new style of community governance, one based on the principles of collaboration, integration, and sustainability. Oregon Solutions is a state-funded program that brings together local groups to solve local problems using sustainable methods. The program promotes collaborative efforts between government agencies, commercial businesses, and nonprofit organizations in support of Oregon's economy, environment, and communities. Oregon Solutions became a targeted program in the 2007-2009 biennium with funding provided in SB 5549.

Signature Research – OSU, PSU, UO

The 2003 Legislature allocated \$1,000,000 in support of a Signature Research Initiative (HB5077). The initiative funded the expansion of research programs in Multi-scale Materials and Devices to OSU, UO and PSU. The research focuses on integrating nanotechnology and micro-technology into product engineering and design. The overall mission of the initiative is to create high-wage jobs and quality economic development in the state.

Oregon Metals Initiative, Inc. (OMI)

Established in 1990, The Oregon Metals Initiative, Inc. (OMI) is a consortium of metals industry companies and research institutions that pursues research to improve the long-term competitiveness of the metals industry and the research infrastructure in Oregon. The Oregon University System matches each corporate research dollar on a 1:1 basis for approved projects. Major achievements include new material discoveries, technological advances, multiple patents, and several successful commercial applications. OMI is managed by a ten-member board of directors which includes both industry and research (university) representatives.

Labor Education Research Center (LERC) – UO

The Labor Education and Research Center (LERC) at the University of Oregon was established in 1977 by an act of the Oregon Legislature. LERC's mission is to:

- Provide direct, hands-on education, training, and consultation to workers and unions at the grassroots level.
- Encourage creative and critical thinking that empowers working adults to participate meaningfully in workplace and community affairs.
- Conduct applied research on issues related to work, employment, and labor relations.
- MAKE Oregon's workplaces safer by providing educational programs and conducting research on occupational safety and health issues.
- CONNECT the university to the broader community by making its resources more readily available to working Oregonians and labor organizations.
- EXPAND public awareness of Oregon's labor, working-class, and labor relations history.

Population Research Center – PSU

The Population Research Center (PRC) is an interdisciplinary public service, research, and training unit for population-related data and research for the State of Oregon. The mission of PRC is to provide population data, information, and research analysis for Oregon and its communities. Service to the State of Oregon began in 1956 with the creation of the Oregon Population Estimates Program, which chartered PRC with preparing annual population estimates for Oregon cities and counties. The Center moved to Portland State University in 1965, and now includes the Oregon State Data Center. This appointment added the responsibility of acting as lead state agency in working with the U.S. Census Bureau to disseminate information at local levels. Additionally, PRC is designated as the lead state representative in partnering with the Census Bureau through the Federal-State Cooperative for Population Estimates (FSCPE), and as participants in the Federal-State Cooperative for Population Projections. As of July 1, 2013, Oregon law requires that the Population Research Center issue coordinated population forecasts for land use planning.

Institute for Natural Resources – OSU

Created by the Oregon Legislature with the Oregon Sustainability Act of 2001 (HB3948), the Institute for Natural Resources (INR) is a cooperative enterprise bringing the scientific knowledge and expertise of the Oregon University System and other Oregon higher education institutions to bear on natural resource management. INR provides research and policy support to state agencies and other organizations on a variety of natural resource issues, including environmental protection and watershed conservation. INR was first funded as a separate targeted program during the 2005-2007 biennium when funding was provided in HB 5153.

Clinical Legal Education – UO

The 2007 Legislature passed HB 2961, creating the Domestic Violence Clinical Legal Education Account. These monies were continuously appropriated to the Oregon University System for the funding of clinical legal education programs at accredited institutions of higher education that provide civil legal services to victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault. Any respondent to a petition for marital annulment, dissolution or separation is charged a \$10 fee. These fees were deposited to the account to fund the program. From fiscal year 2008 through fiscal year 2011, the program was run through the Other Funds Limited area of the OUS budget. During the 2011 regular legislative session, the legislature passed HB2710, which transferred the Domestic Violence Clinical Legal Education Account to the General Fund and made the Clinical Legal Education program a General Fund funded Targeted Program within the OUS budget.

Any accredited institution of Higher Education in Oregon that provides civil legal services to victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault may apply for the funds. As of fiscal year 2012, only the University of Oregon and Lewis and Clark University have applied for and received any funds.

Oregon Climate Change Research Institute – OSU

The Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (OCCRI) was established by the 2007 legislature (HB3543) in response to a report by the Governor’s Advisory Group on Global Warming. OCCRI facilitates research, serves as a clearinghouse for climate change information, provides climate change information to the public in integrated and accessible formats, supports the Oregon Global Warming commission in developing strategies to prepare for and mitigate the effects of climate change on natural and human systems, provides technical assistance to local governments, and at least once each biennium, assesses the state of climate change science as it relates to impacts on Oregon. OCCRI is part of the OSU College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences and consists of faculty and research staff at Southern Oregon University, University of Oregon, and Portland State University as well as several colleges and departments at OSU.

Oceangoing Research Vessel – OSU

This state-funded program provides ship days for the use of the R/V Oceanus in the research and study of Oregon's coastal waters. The passage of HB 3451(2013) established a Research Vessel Council comprised of seven members appointed by the President of Oregon State University to include a trained scientist with at least five years of marine research experience and at least one member from certain state agencies, and at least one member with expertise in marine operations or marine education. The Council solicits and evaluates research proposals and schedules use of a research vessel for the selected proposals. An initial report is due to the Legislature by November 30, 2015 to include

- A summary of the scholarly findings and research conducted
- A summary of additional research needed; and
- An analysis of federal funding provided and committed to the program and a determination as to whether the amount of federal funds committed to the program is sufficient for the program to continue.

Fermentation Science – OSU

In 2013, the Legislative directed an additional \$1.2 million in funding to Oregon State University (OSU) to expand its fermentation science programs. Funding supports university research in all aspects of the production of high value wine, beer, cheese, breads, and distilled spirits all products of fermentation. It supports OSU’s goal of being the first university in the nation with a working research winery, brewery, and distillery. The annual economic impact of Oregon’s wine and beer industries is approximately \$5.5 billion.

State Programs Funding History	2007-09 Final*	2009-11 Final*	2011-13 Final*	2013-15 LAB	2015-17 GRB
ETIC > Sustaining Funds through HECC ¹	\$37,280,000	\$30,981,350	\$27,387,573	\$29,030,827	\$24,451,274
Dispute Resolution - 65% UO & 35% PSU	2,267,275	2,107,233	2,297,895	2,435,769	2,516,149
Oregon Solutions - PSU	2,600,000	2,416,355	2,061,637	2,185,335	2,257,451
Signature Research Centers - OSU, PSU, UO	1,039,234	863,902	863,903	1,007,335	1,040,577
Oregon Metals Initiative	944,300	836,035	384,094	725,136	749,065
Labor Education Research Center - UO	696,936	649,089	657,542	656,867	678,544
Population Research Center - PSU	472,744	439,187	374,427	421,407	435,313
Institute for Natural Resources - OSU	459,675	427,196	364,484	386,353	399,103
Clinical Legal Education ² - UO/Lewis & Clark	231,678	331,750	318,450	337,557	348,696
Climate Change Research Institute - OSU	180,000	334,858	285,701	302,843	312,837
Oceangoing Research Vessel - OSU	-	-	-	300,000	619,800
Fermentation Science - OSU	-	-	-	1,200,000	1,239,600
	<u>\$46,171,842</u>	<u>\$39,386,955</u>	<u>\$34,995,706</u>	<u>\$38,989,429</u>	<u>\$35,048,409</u>

* End-of-biennium actual appropriations inclusive of any mid-biennium reductions, Emergency Board (E-Board) actions, and one-time funding

¹ Beginning 2015-17, includes only "sustaining" funds

² Until 2011-13, funding was received through a special court fee. Beginning in 2011-13, funding was received through General Fund appropriations to the OUS. Historically, allocations were shared between UO and Lewis & Clark College through an application process and based on clientele served. Due to a change effective 2015 in Lewis & Clark's clinical programs, they will no longer be eligible for this funding.