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## SUMMARY

Increases number of members of Higher Education Coordinating Commission representing congressional districts from five to six and decreases number of members of commission representing general public from four to three.

Changes state agency required to be notified when mass layoffs occur from Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to commission.

Includes federally recognized tribes as eligible organizations for receiving grants under Oregon Conservation Corps Program.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to higher education; creating new provisions; and amending ORS  
3 285A.516, 285A.519, 350.050 and 476.696.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 350.050 is amended to read:

6 350.050. (1) There is established a Higher Education Coordinating Com-  
7 mission, consisting of 15 voting members appointed by the Governor.

8 (2) The Governor shall appoint:

9 (a) One undergraduate student at a public university listed in ORS  
10 352.002;

11 (b) One graduate student at a public university listed in ORS 352.002;

12 (c) One faculty member at a public university listed in ORS 352.002;

13 (d) One student at a community college in this state;

14 (e) One faculty member at a community college in this state;

15 (f) One nonfaculty member of the staff from either a public university

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 listed in ORS 352.002 or a community college;

2 (g) One member from each of the [*five*] **six** congressional districts in this  
3 state; and

4 (h) [*Four*] **Three** members of the general public.

5 (3) The Governor shall elicit recommendations for appointments made  
6 under subsection (2)(a) to (f) of this section from official student, faculty and  
7 nonfaculty staff organizations at community colleges and public universities  
8 listed in ORS 352.002.

9 (4) The term of office of each member appointed under subsection (2)(g)  
10 and (h) of this section is four years and the term of office for each member  
11 appointed under subsection (2)(a) to (f) of this section is two years. A mem-  
12 ber serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Before the expiration of the term  
13 of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term begins on  
14 July 1 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a  
15 vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to become  
16 immediately effective for the unexpired term.

17 (5) The Governor may at any time, for cause, remove any member of the  
18 board that the Governor has appointed, after notice and public hearing, but  
19 not more than three members shall be removed within a period of four years,  
20 unless it is for corrupt conduct in office.

21 (6) The appointment of members of the commission is subject to confir-  
22 mation by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.

23 (7) A member of the commission is entitled to compensation and expenses  
24 as provided in ORS 292.495.

25 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 350.050 by section 1 of this**  
26 **2023 Act:**

27 (1) **Apply to appointments of members representing congressional**  
28 **districts in this state and the general public that are made on or after**  
29 **the effective date of this 2023 Act; and**

30 (2) **Do not require the removal of a member of the general public**  
31 **appointed under ORS 350.050 (2)(h) before the member's term of office**

1 **is complete.**

2 **SECTION 3.** ORS 285A.516 is amended to read:

3 285A.516. The [*Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development*]  
4 **Higher Education Coordinating Commission** is the state agency that  
5 shall be notified when an employer is required to provide written notice of  
6 a plant closing or mass layoff under section 3 of the Worker Adjustment and  
7 Retraining Notification Act (P.L. 100-379).

8 **SECTION 4.** ORS 285A.519 is amended to read:

9 285A.519. (1) The [*Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Develop-*  
10 *ment*] **Higher Education Coordinating Commission** shall notify employers  
11 subject to the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (P.L.  
12 100-379) that the [*Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development*]  
13 **commission** is the state agency that must be notified when the employers  
14 are required to provide notice of a plant closing or mass layoff under the  
15 Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (P.L. 100-379).

16 (2) When notifying employers as provided in subsection (1) of this section,  
17 the [*office*] **commission** shall provide employers with a statement of the  
18 programs, projects, expenditures and other forms of assistance the [*office*]  
19 **commission** and other state agencies can provide to communities, employers  
20 and workers affected by a plant closing or mass layoff.

21 **SECTION 5.** ORS 476.696 is amended to read:

22 476.696. (1) As used in this section[,]:

23 (a) “Eligible organization” includes Oregon-based nonprofit youth devel-  
24 opment organizations, **tribes** and public entities that provide programs of job  
25 training, skill development and forest-related or rangeland-related career  
26 path training.

27 (b) “**Tribe**” means a **federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon.**

28 (2) The Oregon Conservation Corps Advisory Committee is established  
29 within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the purpose of  
30 managing the Oregon Conservation Corps Program.

31 (3) The Governor shall determine the number of members on the commit-

1 tee and appoint the members.

2 (4) The committee shall, in collaboration with a qualified nonprofit foun-  
3 dation, actively seek and source private donations to support the Oregon  
4 Conservation Corps Program.

5 (5) The committee may direct the expenditure of moneys from the Oregon  
6 Conservation Corps Fund for a promotional website and materials to solicit  
7 private funds.

8 (6) Members may not receive compensation for service on the committee,  
9 but, subject to any applicable laws regulating travel and other expenses of  
10 state officers and employees, may be reimbursed for actual and necessary  
11 travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of committee duties  
12 with moneys available to the commission for the purpose of reimbursing the  
13 members.

14 (7) The committee shall administer a grant process that:

15 (a) Provides funding to support the work conducted by the Oregon Con-  
16 servation Corps Program.

17 (b) Defines and uses an equity lens in awarding grants by identifying and  
18 supporting populations with greater vulnerability including communities of  
19 color, indigenous communities, communities with members who have limited  
20 proficiency in English and communities with lower-income members.

21 (c) Awards grants to eligible organizations.

22 (d) Ensures that grant awards support activities described in ORS 476.694  
23 (1) and subsection (8) of this section.

24 (e) Establishes guidelines for prioritizing grant-supported projects to re-  
25 duce community fire risks, promote youth and young adult workforce devel-  
26 opment and educational experiences and reduce hazardous fuels.

27 (8) The committee shall consult with the State Forestry Department to  
28 ensure that the grant process awards funds to proposals that:

29 (a) Protect at-risk communities and infrastructure within the wildland-  
30 urban interface, as described in ORS 477.503.

31 (b) Meet standards for fuel treatment established by the department.

1 (9) The committee shall biennially submit a report, on the timeline de-  
2 scribed in ORS 293.640, to an appropriate committee or interim committee  
3 of the Legislative Assembly, as described in ORS 192.245, and to the State  
4 Wildfire Programs Director and Wildfire Programs Advisory Council, re-  
5 garding the expenditure of moneys deposited in the Oregon Conservation  
6 Corps Fund.

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