

House Bill 3026

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires governing board at each public university to include graduate student as voting member if university has more than 400 graduate students or if graduate students comprise more than 15 percent of total student body.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to composition of higher education boards; creating new provisions; and amending ORS
3 352.076.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 352.076 is amended to read:

6 352.076. (1) A governing board for a public university must be formed and maintained as pro-
7 vided in this section.

8 (2)(a) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the Governor shall appoint all of the
9 11 to 15 members of the governing board, subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner pro-
10 vided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.

11 (b) The governing board must include one person who is [*a*] **an undergraduate** student enrolled
12 at the university. The **undergraduate** student shall be a voting member of the board.

13 (c)(A) **The governing board must include one person who is a graduate student enrolled**
14 **at the university if:**

15 (i) **The university has more than 400 graduate students; or**

16 (ii) **Graduate students comprise more than 15 percent of the total number of students**
17 **enrolled at the university.**

18 (B) **The graduate student shall be a voting member of the board.**

19 [*c*] (d) The governing board must include one person who is a member of the faculty of the
20 university and one person who is a member of the nonfaculty staff of the university. For each ap-
21 pointment made under this paragraph, the Governor may appoint the person as either a voting or
22 nonvoting member of the governing board.

23 (3) The president of the university shall be an ex officio nonvoting member of the governing
24 board.

25 (4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the term of office for each ap-
26 pointed member of the governing board is four years.

27 (b) The term of office of each student, faculty and nonfaculty staff member of the governing
28 board is two years.

29 (c) A member of the governing board may not be appointed to serve more than two consecutive
30 full terms.

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 (d) The Governor may remove any appointed member of the governing board at any time for
2 cause, after notice and public hearing, but may not remove more than three members within a period
3 of four years, unless it is for corrupt conduct in office.

4 (e) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired
5 term.

6 (5) The faculty and nonfaculty staff members of the governing board may not participate in any
7 discussions or action by the board or attend any executive session of the board involving collective
8 bargaining issues that affect faculty or nonfaculty staff at the university.

9 (6) The governing board shall select one of its members as chairperson and another as vice
10 chairperson for such terms and with duties and powers as the board considers necessary for the
11 performance of the functions of those offices. The governing board shall adopt bylaws concerning
12 how a quorum is constituted and when a quorum is necessary.

13 (7) The governing board shall meet at least four times per year, and may meet at the call of the
14 chairperson or a majority of the voting members of the board.

15 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 352.076 by section 1 of this 2023 Act apply to ap-**
16 **pointments made on or after the effective date of this 2023 Act.**

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