

# House Bill 3564

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION (at the request of Higher Education Coordinating Commission)

## 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**.

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 285A.516, 285A.519,  
3 350.050 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 Commission, consisting of 15  
7 voting members appointed by the Governor.

8 (2) The Governor shall appoint:

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

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

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

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

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

14 (f) One nonfaculty member of the staff from either a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or  
15 a community college;

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

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

18 (3) The Governor shall elicit recommendations for appointments made under subsection (2)(a) to  
19 (f) of this section from official student, faculty and nonfaculty staff organizations at community col-  
20 leges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002.

21 (4) The term of office of each member appointed under subsection (2)(g) and (h) of this section  
22 is four years and the term of office for each member appointed under subsection (2)(a) to (f) of this  
23 section is two years. A member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Before the expiration of the  
24 term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next fol-  
25 lowing. A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor  
26 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

27 (5) The Governor may at any time, for cause, remove any member of the board that the Govern-  
28 nor has appointed, after notice and public hearing, but not more than three members shall be re-

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1 moved within a period of four years, unless it is for corrupt conduct in office.

2 (6) The appointment of members of the commission is subject to confirmation by the Senate in  
3 the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.

4 (7) A member of the commission is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS  
5 292.495.

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

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

9 (2) **Do not require the removal of a member of the general public appointed under ORS**  
10 **350.050 (2)(h) before the member’s term of office is complete.**

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

12 285A.516. The [*Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development*] **Higher Education**  
13 **Coordinating Commission** is the state agency that shall be notified when an employer is required  
14 to provide written notice of a plant closing or mass layoff under section 3 of the Worker Adjustment  
15 and Retraining Notification Act (P.L. 100-379).

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

17 285A.519. (1) The [*Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development*] **Higher Education**  
18 **Coordinating Commission** shall notify employers subject to the Worker Adjustment and Retraining  
19 Notification Act (P.L. 100-379) that the [*Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development*]  
20 **commission** is the state agency that must be notified when the employers are required to provide  
21 notice of a plant closing or mass layoff under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification  
22 Act (P.L. 100-379).

23 (2) When notifying employers as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the [*office*] **commis-**  
24 **sion** shall provide employers with a statement of the programs, projects, expenditures and other  
25 forms of assistance the [*office*] **commission** and other state agencies can provide to communities,  
26 employers and workers affected by a plant closing or mass layoff.

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

28 476.696. (1) As used in this section[,]:

29 (a) “Eligible organization” includes Oregon-based nonprofit youth development organizations,  
30 **tribes** and public entities that provide programs of job training, skill development and forest-related  
31 or rangeland-related career path training.

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

33 (2) The Oregon Conservation Corps Advisory Committee is established within the Higher Edu-  
34 cation Coordinating Commission for the purpose of managing the Oregon Conservation Corps Pro-  
35 gram.

36 (3) The Governor shall determine the number of members on the committee and appoint the  
37 members.

38 (4) The committee shall, in collaboration with a qualified nonprofit foundation, actively seek and  
39 source private donations to support the Oregon Conservation Corps Program.

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

42 (6) Members may not receive compensation for service on the committee, but, subject to any  
43 applicable laws regulating travel and other expenses of state officers and employees, may be reim-  
44 bursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of committee  
45 duties with moneys available to the commission for the purpose of reimbursing the members.

- 1 (7) The committee shall administer a grant process that:
- 2 (a) Provides funding to support the work conducted by the Oregon Conservation Corps Program.
- 3 (b) Defines and uses an equity lens in awarding grants by identifying and supporting populations
- 4 with greater vulnerability including communities of color, indigenous communities, communities with
- 5 members who have limited proficiency in English and communities with lower-income members.
- 6 (c) Awards grants to eligible organizations.
- 7 (d) Ensures that grant awards support activities described in ORS 476.694 (1) and subsection (8)
- 8 of this section.
- 9 (e) Establishes guidelines for prioritizing grant-supported projects to reduce community fire
- 10 risks, promote youth and young adult workforce development and educational experiences and re-
- 11 duce hazardous fuels.
- 12 (8) The committee shall consult with the State Forestry Department to ensure that the grant
- 13 process awards funds to proposals that:
- 14 (a) Protect at-risk communities and infrastructure within the wildland-urban interface, as de-
- 15 scribed in ORS 477.503.
- 16 (b) Meet standards for fuel treatment established by the department.
- 17 (9) The committee shall biennially submit a report, on the timeline described in ORS 293.640, to
- 18 an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly, as described in ORS
- 19 192.245, and to the State Wildfire Programs Director and Wildfire Programs Advisory Council, re-
- 20 garding the expenditure of moneys deposited in the Oregon Conservation Corps Fund.

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