

HB 2695 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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Meeting Dates: 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the hiring committee for the president of the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) to include representatives of the university community and at least one president of a public university. It gives the OHSU Board of Directors the ability to require the inclusion of at least one faculty member, one nonfaculty staff member, and one member of the student body on the presidential search committee. It also gives the OHSU Board of Directors the ability to allow a representative from official campus labor organizations to provide comments or report to the governing board at regularly scheduled meetings, if requested in advance.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1995, the Legislative Assembly converted Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) from a public university to a public corporation and established a board of directors. Since then, the governance structure of OHSU has remained largely the same beyond changes to the number of board members. [Senate Bill 423 \(2023\)](#) added faculty and nonfaculty staff members to the OHSU Board of Directors and increased the number of board members from nine to 11.

On [December 20, 2024](#), OHSU announced the creation of a [presidential search committee](#). The 25-member committee received a [specification document](#) prepared by the executive search firm Spencer Stuart and published a [summary report](#) of listening sessions and survey responses received by the committee.