

# House Bill 3311

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

## SUMMARY

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Digest: Removes the limit on the types of degrees that certain higher learning schools may offer. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.5).

Removes the limitation on the types of degrees that may be offered by Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University and Eastern Oregon University.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to degrees offered by certain public universities; amending ORS 352.089; and repealing ORS  
3 352.011.

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

5 **SECTION 1. ORS 352.011 is repealed.**

6 **SECTION 2.** ORS 352.089 is amended to read:

7 352.089. (1) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall adopt a mission statement for the  
8 university, and shall forward the statement to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

9 (2) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall submit any significant change in the  
10 university's academic programs to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. The commission  
11 shall establish a process for reviewing the significant program change for approval. The commission  
12 shall establish, by rule, what constitutes a significant change to a university's academic program.

13 The commission shall further ensure that approved programs:

14 (a) Are consistent with the mission statement of the university;

15 (b) Do not unnecessarily duplicate academic programs offered by Oregon's other public univer-  
16 sities;

17 (c) Are not located in a geographic area that will cause undue hardship to Oregon's other public  
18 universities; **and**

19 (d) Are allocated among Oregon's public universities to maximize the achievement of statewide  
20 needs and requirements[; *and*]

21 [*(e) Submitted by Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University or Eastern Oregon*  
22 *University comply with ORS 352.011].*

23 (3)(a) Pursuant to ORS 350.090, on or before September 1 of each even-numbered year, the  
24 Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall submit a consolidated funding request to the  
25 Governor on behalf of all public universities listed in ORS 352.002.

26 (b) The Governor's budget may include funding requests from public universities.

27 (4) As part of a funding request submitted under subsection (3) of this section, a public univer-  
28 sity listed in ORS 352.002 may request, and appropriations may include but are not limited to,  
29 funding for education and general operations, statewide public services, state-funded debt service,  
30 capital improvements, deferred maintenance, special initiatives and investments or any other pur-

**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 pose authorized by ORS 350.075 (3)(e). Any moneys appropriated to pay debt service for state bonds  
 2 must be held by the State Treasurer pursuant to an agreement entered into by the State Treasurer  
 3 and a public university under ORS 352.135 (2).

4 (5) A public university listed in ORS 352.002 that wishes to request the issuance of state bonds,  
 5 including a public university that elects to remain eligible to receive proceeds of state bonds under  
 6 ORS 352.402, must make a request to this effect to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.  
 7 The commission shall establish a process for reviewing the request to issue state bonds. The com-  
 8 mission shall decide whether, and in what manner, to make a request for the issuance of state bonds  
 9 to the Legislative Assembly.

10 (6)(a) Each public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall respond to a request for data from the  
 11 Legislative Assembly or other state body by submitting the requested information to the Higher  
 12 Education Coordinating Commission. The commission shall consolidate the data received from public  
 13 universities. The commission shall be responsible for providing the data to the Legislative Assembly  
 14 or other requesting entity.

15 (b) As used in this subsection, “data” means any information that, as of August 14, 2013, is  
 16 collected by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from each university and reported to  
 17 the Legislative Assembly or any other state entity, including but not limited to retention and grad-  
 18 uation rates and demographic information on students.

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