

SB 273 Implementation: Final Report

Executive Audit and Governance Committee

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Background

- Governance legislation passed by the Oregon legislature in 2023
- Public university governing boards were required to adopt policies on several operational matters
- The number of positions was increased from 15 to 17 with the addition of one graduate student position, one non-voting undergraduate student position, bringing the total number of student positions to three.

Actions

The board voted in April 2024 to:

- Update the bylaws and amend to include two additional student positions, further detail policy and board assessment
- Amend three existing policies to codify public comment practices, standing reports to the board, further detail the appointment process and the identification of the ideal characteristics of individuals chosen to fill board vacancies

Reporting Requirement

- By July 1, public university boards are required to submit a report describing implementation efforts
- Board secretaries collaborated when drafting the 2024 reports, which included feedback from shared governance partners
- A joint report was submitted to the legislature on behalf of all seven public universities in July 2024
- A final report will be submitted in July 2025
- The reporting requirement sunsets in January 2026

Discussion