Senate Bill 270
Overview
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SB 270 - Overview

By necessity, this will be BRIEF!

• SB 270 is 117 pages long with 181 sections, some with over 20 subsections

• Must consider also HB 3120 - establishes HECC authorities
SB 270 – What Does It Do?

*From a legal standpoint, SB 270 does three primary things:*

- Creates a new legal entity – a "university with a governing board"
- Confers broad powers upon universities with governing boards
- Exempts universities with governing boards from most state laws that apply to state agencies and from many laws that otherwise apply to units of government
SB 270 – What is OSU?

What is a university with a governing board?

• A public university

• A governmental entity performing governmental functions and exercising governmental powers

• Not a unit of local or municipal government or a state agency, board, commission or institution

• An independent public body with statewide purposes and missions and without territorial boundaries
What is a university with a governing board?

• A public body other than the state
• The State of Oregon, acting by and through the Board of Trustees of Oregon State University
• A special government body (like school districts, community college districts, and some public corporations)

**Short Answer:** A public university and a governmental entity performing governmental functions
SB 270 – What is the Board’s Overarching Responsibility?

**Oversee the Governance of OSU**

- Through the exercise of statutory authority

**Hire, Reappoint and Supervise the President**

- The President is the executive and governing officer of the university.
- Subject to Board supervision, he or she has the statutory authority to direct the affairs of the university.
- Consider adopting board policies that reflect this allocation of responsibility.
SB 270 – What are the Board's Early-Stage Tasks?

Phased Implementation

- SB 270 was “effective” when the Governor signed the bill, but …
- Only a few sections of SB 270 are currently "operative"
- The bill phases in authority to enable the new university governing boards to get organized before they assume full responsibilities on July 1, 2014
- The Board has the power *now* to take action under parts of SB 270 that are not yet operative *if* the action is necessary
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*Phased Implementation*

- Elect chair, vice chair
  - *establish such terms, duties, and powers of these leaders as “the board considers necessary for the performance of the functions of those offices”*
- Adopt bylaws
- Meet quarterly
- Submit a funding request to the HECC – April 1, 2014
- Form committees
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• Approve tuition and mandatory fees
• Adopt a mission statement
• Enter into an achievement compact with the Oregon Education Investment Board
• Develop a process to adopt new policies or standards to replace existing rules
Questions?