

Enrolled
House Bill 4002

Sponsored by Representative CLEM; Senators EDWARDS, JOHNSON (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to forestry education.

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

SECTION 1. At the direction of the Oregon University System, the State Treasurer shall establish in the Oregon University System Fund a subaccount dedicated to funding investments in professional forestry education. A subaccount created as provided in this section shall consist of any moneys from harvest taxes, appropriations, gifts, grants or donations made available to Oregon State University for the specific purpose of making investments in professional forestry education under this section. The university shall make any allocations of moneys from the subaccount to investments in professional forestry education in accordance with the criteria and measurements established by the Forestry Education Council under section 6 of this 2012 Act.

SECTION 2. (1) There is established a Forestry Education Council, consisting of five members appointed by the President of Oregon State University. The president shall appoint to the council at least three members who are forestland owners in this state or representatives of forest products manufacturers operating in this state.

(2) The term of office of each council member is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the president. Before the expiration of the term of a council member, the president shall appoint a successor whose term begins on January 1 next following. A council member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the president shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

(3) A council member is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495 from any unrestricted moneys in a subaccount created as described in section 1 of this 2012 Act.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the term of office specified by section 2 of this 2012 Act, of the members first appointed to the Forestry Education Council:

- (1) One shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2014.
- (2) One shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2015.
- (3) One shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2016.
- (4) Two shall serve for terms ending January 1, 2017.

SECTION 4. The members of the Forestry Education Council must be residents of this state who are well informed on the principles of providing educational opportunities for forestland owners, forest products manufacturers and persons wishing to train in forest-related occupations.

SECTION 5. (1) The Forestry Education Council shall select one of its members as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the President of Oregon State University determines.

(2) Except as provided in section 7 of this 2012 Act, a majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(3) The council shall meet at times and places specified by the call of:

(a) The chairperson;

(b) A majority of the members of the council; or

(c) The Dean of the College of Forestry at Oregon State University after consultation with the president.

SECTION 6. (1) The Dean of the College of Forestry at Oregon State University shall solicit the advice of the Forestry Education Council when developing work plans or resource allocation plans affecting professional forestry education. The council shall provide advice to the dean regarding the development of work plans and resource allocation plans affecting professional forestry education upon request of the dean or the President of Oregon State University and at other times as the council deems reasonable or necessary.

(2) The council, in consultation with the dean, shall establish criteria and measurements for Oregon State University to use in determining which investments in professional forestry education to make from any subaccount created as described in section 1 of this 2012 Act.

(3) The criteria and measurements established under this section shall include, but need not be limited to, standards designed to:

(a) Respond to the professional forestry education needs of forestland owners and managers and forest products manufacturers in this state;

(b) Meet the professional forestry education needs of employees working in the forest and wood products industry cluster in this state by increasing faculty and academic program capacity at the university;

(c) Create additional opportunities for residents of this state to pursue professional education in forest engineering, forest management, forest operations management, renewable material and wood products innovation and other fields important to the advancement of the forest and wood products industry cluster in this state;

(d) Maximize the leverage of any moneys that the university allocates under section 1 of this 2012 Act;

(e) Give priority to allocations for which financial resources of forest products manufacturers in this state, or of other persons interested in professional forestry education in this state, are available to augment the allocations; and

(f) Ensure that any moneys the university allocates under section 1 of this 2012 Act are used to:

(A) Give priority to addressing those educational needs of the forest and wood products industry cluster that are the most evident and urgent;

(B) Produce the greatest amount of educational benefit for the least short-term and long-term costs to this state;

(C) Avoid duplication of existing public or private resources; and

(D) Leverage existing and future private resources for the public benefit.

(4) The council shall review the performance of any investments made in professional forestry education as described in section 1 of this 2012 Act. The performance reviews shall be designed to identify possible improvements in the criteria and measurements established by the council, identify possible improvements in the process for allocating moneys under section 1 of this 2012 Act and determine the effectiveness of the allocations and investments in addressing the objectives described in subsection (3) of this section. The council shall report the results of the performance reviews to the dean and the president.

SECTION 7. Prior to the beginning of an academic year, the Forestry Education Council may request that the President of Oregon State University review any allocations described in section 1 of this 2012 Act that are proposed for the academic year. A request under this section must be approved by a majority of the council members. Upon receiving a request from the council, the president shall determine during the academic year whether Oregon State University should allocate additional moneys or take other measures to address any concerns raised in the council's request.

SECTION 8. Sections 1 to 7 of this 2012 Act do not establish any obligation or expectation for the appropriation of General Fund moneys to the subaccount described in section 1 of this 2012 Act or any obligation or expectation that moneys from forest products harvest taxes will be increased or reallocated for deposit to the subaccount described in section 1 of this 2012 Act.

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