



Legislative Update

Kicker Reform

On Wednesday, the Senate Revenue and Finance Committee voted to send to the floor a package of finance bills. These measures passed out of committee:

- A measure that would ask voters in November 2012 to change the kicker law to allow half of the personal kicker to flow into a rainy day fund.
- A bill that will reduce the long-term capital gains tax, estimated by the Legislative Revenue Office to cost the state almost \$500 million from mid-2013 to mid-2019.
- A bill that would divert the corporate kicker into a separate reserve fund for higher education.

The Governor has invited key lawmakers to Mahonia Hall on Monday to broker a go-home plan on Oregon's 2011-13 budget. As part of that package, finance bills passed by the Senate Revenue and Finance committee may be reviewed.

HB 3521 – Student Transfer Bill of Rights

The Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee passed out HB 3521 this week, the Student Transfer Bill of Rights. The bill would create a set of guarantees for students transferring from one public college or University to another, such as ensuring that all of the credits transfer from a student's Associates Degree to a Bachelor's degree. Rep. Michael Dembrow sponsored the legislation and spoke in favor of it before the Senate committee. OCCA Legislative Director John Wykoff also testify in support of the legislation.

SB 275 – Academic Credit for Veterans

The House Veterans Affairs Committee heard testimony on SB 275 this week which would direct the Department of Community Colleges and

Legislative Testimony Update

The Legislative Fiscal Office has created a new email address for people wanting to submit written testimony related to the State of Oregon budget. The email address is intended for testimony that is general in nature about the state budget and its programs:
waysandmeans.budget@state.or.us

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OCCA Member Directory Update

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oregon Presidents Council

May 12-13 2011
OCCA Office, Salem

OCCA Board Meeting

May 13, 2011
Salem, Oregon

State Board of Education

May 19, 2011
Salem, Oregon

Workforce Development to adopt standards for translating military education and training into academic credits at an Oregon Community College. The committee did not vote on the legislation but is expected to take it up again later this month.

HB 3488 – Public Contracting

HB 3488 – On Wednesday, the House Rules Committee heard public testimony on HB 3488. This bill would amend the current cost analysis requirements in the public contracting code related to contracts for goods and services. The current threshold that triggers the cost analysis requirement is \$250,000. The bill as proposed would raise the threshold to \$2 million. In addition, the bill would allow a public body to contract out for services even if the only reason the cost of contracting out is less expensive is due to the cost of salary and benefits of existing employees. This is not the case under current law. OCCA has been working closely with the bill's sponsor, Rep. Mark Johnson, in support of this effort. Karen Smith (OCCA General Counsel) testified in support of the bill, with Chemeketa Community College's Procurement Supervisor Eileen Miller providing the college level perspective.

State Board of Education

June 23-24, 2011
Salem, Oregon

Executive Committee Retreat

July 11, 2011
OCCA Office, Salem

AAWCC Summer Conference

July 14, 2011
Oregon Garden, Silverton

OCCA Board Training

July 18, 2011
OCCA Office, Salem

OPC Retreat

August 7-10, 2011
Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel

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