



Legislative Bulletin

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 10

Portland State University Day

Tuesday, April 17

Oregon State University Day

April 18 –April 26

**OUS Ways & Means Budget
Hearings
Public Testimony Day**

BUDGET COMMITTEE ROAD TOUR

Wed Apr. 4, 6:30 PM
Oregon City
Oregon City High School
Jackson Campus
1306 12th Street
Cafeteria

Thursday, April 5th, 6:30 PM
Portland
Jefferson High School
5210 N. Kerby
Cafeteria

Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 PM
Corvallis
Cheldelin Middle School
987 Conifer Blvd
Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 PM
UO Willis Business Complex
Room 282

Thursday, April 12, 6:30 PM
Bend
OSU-Cascades

Friday, April 13, 6:30 PM
Medford
TBD

Saturday, April 14, 1:00 PM
Coos Bay
TBD

Governor Kulongoski Applauds U.S. Senate for Reauthorizing the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act

(excerpt of press release issued March 28, 2007 by the Governor's office)

The U.S. Senate took a significant step to fully reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, otherwise known as county payments. Led by Oregon Senator Wyden, the Senate voted 75 to 22 to support his amendment to reauthorize the law for another five years.

The Wyden amendment reauthorizes the county payments program for another five years and also fully funds the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program. Under the compromise reached by the U.S. Senate, the reauthorization would provide the same funding in Fiscal Year 2007 to the counties as they received in Fiscal Year 2006, and then the funding will gradually decrease by ten percent per year through 2011 to allow counties time to adjust to the new funding formula.

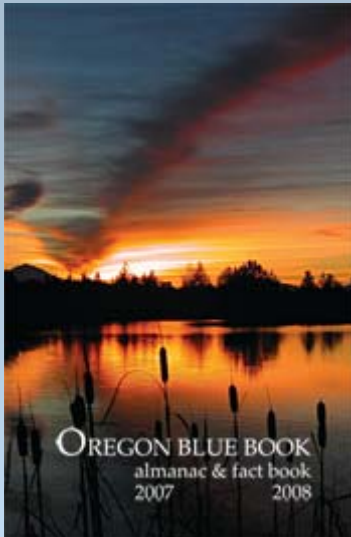


PSU/OHSU Merger – HB 3024 SCHEDULED FOR WORK SESSION

House Bill 3024, the bill to move PSU out of the state system and to pave the way to merge with OHSU is scheduled for a work session on Monday, April 2, 1:00 p.m. House Bill 3024 had its first public hearing on Monday, March 19 in the House Committee on Education Subcommittee on Higher Education. The bill, if enacted, would mandate Portland State University (PSU) as a public corporation under the control of a newly created Portland Metropolitan Universities Board of Directors. A similar bill was introduced during the 2005 regular legislative session, but failed to pass.

The OUS has commissioned a study on the proposal and it is expected to be released late next month.

The Higher Education Subcommittee is expected to move the bill (after formal action by the full Education Committee) to the Ways and Means Committee for further consideration.



2007-2008 Oregon Blue Book is now available

The Oregon Blue Book is the official state directory and fact book about all levels of government in Oregon. Secretary of State Bill Bradbury dedicated the 2007-2008 Blue Book to “all the brave Oregonians who put themselves in harm’s way in service to our state and our country,” including National Guard and Reserve and our military, “...for their unwavering support of America and Oregon.”

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OUS BILLS OF INTEREST UPCOMING HEARINGS

Monday, April 2, 2007 8:45am “A” Senate Finance & Revenue Committee

SB 582: Allows public university to direct affiliated foundation to administer university venture development fund. Allows university or foundation to charge administrative assessment to manage fund. Modifies income tax credit for taxpayers that contribute moneys to university venture development funds. Applies modification to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Tuesday, April 3, 2007 1:00pm “D” House Education Subcommittee on Education Innvation

HB 3338: Creates Education System Design Team. Specifies membership and duties of design team. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to office of Governor for design team. Susnets design team on date of convening of next regular biennial legislative session. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

Wednesday April 4 1:00pm “D” House Committee on Education

HB 2614: Establishes Oregon Collaborative for Educational Excellence. Directs collaborative to provide system for professional development of teachers and administrators. Establishes Oregon Collaborative for Educational Excellence Board to govern collaborative. Directs board to appoint executive director and advisory committees. Establishes Oregon Collaborative for Educational Excellence Account. Continuously appropriates moneys in account to Department of Education for purposes of collaborative. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for collaborative. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.



Governor Kulongoski views exhibit during ETIC day at the Capitol

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BILLWATCH AVAILABLE FOR TRACKING

A comprehensive OUS bill tracking system called BillWatch, has been developed to record information about bills affecting the OUS, and to track their progress through the legislative process. BillWatch is designed to be used by members of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, Chancellor's Office staff, campus leadership and OUS advocates. BillWatch is a secure system and users must obtain a user name and password from the Office of Government Relations to use this service.

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