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**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION**

**351.010 Department of Higher Education created; board of higher education created; composition.** There is created a department of the government of the State of Oregon to be known as the Department of Higher Education. This department shall be conducted under the control of a board of nine directors, to be known as the State Board of Higher Education, which board hereby is created.

**351.020 Directors; appointment; confirmation.** The directors shall be citizens of Oregon and shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate. It shall require a two-thirds vote of the Senate to approve the Governor's choice of a director. In case the Governor's choice is disapproved, he shall make another appointment. No director shall be in any way connected with any of the institutions or departments under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, nor shall more than five graduates of these institutions, nor more than two graduates from any one of these institutions or departments, be a member of the board at any time. [Amended by 1955 c.284 §1]

**351.030 Confirmation of appointments made between legislative sessions.** In case the office of any director is declared vacant or an appointment is made in the interim between legislative sessions, the Senate shall act through a standing committee of six members to be known as the Committee on Executive Appointments, which committee hereby is created, and shall be appointed by the President of the Senate from its members. Within 10 days after the interim appointment by the Governor, the Secretary of State shall send written notice thereof to each committee member. The notice shall request the member to reply by mail, stating whether he desires to confirm the appointment of the person named or whether he desires that a committee meeting be held to discuss the appointment prior to confirmation. If the Secretary of State finds that each committee member favors confirmation, the Secretary of State shall notify the Governor and each committee member of such finding and the appointment shall be deemed confirmed. If any committee member desires a committee meeting prior to confirmation, the Secretary of State shall

call a meeting of the Committee on Executive Appointments to meet at some place in the state mutually satisfactory to the committee or at the State Capitol, and the Committee on Executive Appointments shall act at such meeting or adjournments thereof. Senators attending such meetings shall receive necessary traveling and living expenses in attending and traveling to and from such meetings and the Secretary of State hereby is authorized and directed to audit and allow all such claims as shall be approved by said committee or one of its members authorized so to do and draw his warrants on the State Treasurer for the payment thereof out of the appropriation for the payment of expenses of the Legislative Assembly appointing such committee in the same manner as other expenses of the session are audited and paid. A favorable vote of four of the six members of the Committee on Executive Appointments shall be necessary for confirmation of appointments. Directors so appointed shall be subject to the approval of the Senate when it next convenes.

**351.040 Term, removal and compensation of directors.** Directors shall hold office for a term of six years. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of any term shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. The Governor may remove any member of the board at any time for cause, after notice and public hearing, but not more than three members shall be removed within a period of four years, unless it be for corrupt conduct in office. The directors shall serve without salary, but shall receive \$10 per diem and necessary traveling expenses while on actual duty as such director.

**351.050 Board organization; meetings.** The board shall organize by the election from its members of a president who shall serve for the fiscal year for which he is elected. The board shall meet regularly once every three months at such times and places as the president may determine. Special meetings may be called by the president upon the written request of any five members of the board. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**351.060 Board's general powers as to control and management of property; power as to litigation.** The State Board of Higher Education may:

(1) Control and provide for, subject to the conditions of this section, the custody and occupation of the grounds, buildings, books, papers and documents belonging to each and all the institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education.

(2) Manage, control and apply all property of whatever nature given to or appropriated for the use, support or benefit of any or all of the institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, according to the terms and conditions of such gift or appropriation.

(3) Acquire, receive, hold, control, convey, sell, manage, operate, lease, lend, invest, improve and develop any and all property, real or personal, given to any of the institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education by private donors, whether such gifts are made to the State Board of Higher Education or to the State of Oregon.

(4) Take and hold mortgages on real and personal property acquired by way of gift or arising out of transactions entered into in accordance with the powers, duties and authority given to the board by this section, ORS 351.070 and 351.150.

(5) Institute, maintain and participate in suits and actions and other judicial proceedings, in the name of the State of Oregon, for the foreclosure of such mortgages or for the purpose of carrying into effect any and all of the powers, duties and authority given to the State Board of Higher Education by this section, ORS 351.070 and 351.150.

**351.070 Board's general powers as to higher education and institutions.** (1) The State Board of Higher Education may, for each institution under its control:

(a) Appoint and employ a president and the requisite number of professors, teachers and employes, and prescribe their compensation and tenure of office or employment.

(b) Demand and receive the interest mentioned in ORS 352.510 and all sums due and accruing to the institutions of higher education for admission and tuition therein, and apply the same, or so much thereof as is necessary, to the payment of the compensation referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection and the other current expenses of the institutions.

(c) Prescribe a fee for admission into such institutions, to be applied to the payment of incidental expenses, the rate of tuition for instruction therein, and such

other fees deemed necessary or advantageous for the cultural and physical development of the students.

(d) Confer, on the recommendation of the faculty of any such institution, such degrees as usually are conferred by such institutions, or as they deem appropriate.

(e) Prescribe the qualifications for admission into such institutions.

(2) The State Board of Higher Education may, for each institution, division and department under its control:

(a) Supervise the general course of instruction therein, and the research, extension, educational and other activities thereof.

(b) Enact rules and bylaws for the government thereof, including the faculty, teachers, students and employes therein.

(c) Maintain cultural and physical development services and facilities therefor and, in connection therewith, may cooperate and enter into agreements with any person or governmental agency; and may provide student health services and contract therefor. [Amended by 1953 c.545 §2]

**351.080 Reorganization of higher education activities.** The State Board of Higher Education may reorganize the work of each and all of the institutions under its control so as to eliminate unnecessary duplication of equipment, courses, departments, schools, summer schools, extension activities, offices, laboratories and publications.

**351.090 Standardization of accounts and records; preparation of budget; allocation of funds.** The board of higher education shall prescribe for all state-supported higher educational institutions a standardized system of accounts and records. The board shall prepare biennially, at such time as he shall require, a report to the Governor containing the proposed budget for the succeeding biennium covering in detail the purposes for which all expenditures shall be made. In preparation of this budget the board may allocate to the respective institutions over which it is authorized to exercise supervision and control all funds then available and all funds which under laws then existing become available during the succeeding biennium from all sources, so far as they can be ascertained, in accordance with the board's higher educational development program.

**351.100 Advertising and publicity.** All advertising and publicity on behalf of all branches of state-supported higher educa-

tion shall emanate from and bear the name of the Department of Higher Education, and shall be conducted in such a way as to present to the citizens of the state and prospective students a fair and impartial view of the higher educational facilities provided by the state and the prospects for useful employment in the various fields for which those facilities afford preparation.

**351.110 Relationship with state legislature.** All relationships and negotiations between the state legislature and its various committees and the institutions of higher education shall be carried on through the Department of Higher Education. No subordinate official representing any of the separate institutions shall appear before the legislature or any committee except upon the written authority of the board of higher education.

**351.120 Scholarships.** (1) The State Board of Higher Education may award scholarships in any institution of higher learning in Oregon, not to exceed two percent of the enrolment therein, to students applying for enrolment in such institutions or who are pursuing courses therein. The scholarships shall be awarded upon the basis of a record of high intellectual standing and deportment in the school or institution where the applicant has received or is receiving preparatory training, the necessity for financial assistance and other qualifications of such nature that the awarding of scholarships will operate not only to the advantage of the applicant but to the people of Oregon. No scholarship so awarded shall exceed in value the amount of the tuition and other fees which are levied against the recipient of the scholarship by the State Board of Higher Education at the institution in which the student registers.

(2) The board may also award tuition fee-exempting scholarships on the same basis in the Oregon College of Education, the Eastern Oregon College of Education and the Southern Oregon College of Education, to students desiring to study elementary teacher training, which scholarships shall not exceed in number 10 percent of the students enrolled in the elementary teacher training curricula at the institutions in which the scholarship is granted.

(3) In addition to the scholarships otherwise authorized in this section, the State Board of Higher Education may award tui-

tion fee-exempting scholarships in any institution of higher learning in this state to students from foreign nations, and to any applicant whose residence has been in Alaska or Hawaii during the major part of the two years immediately preceding such application.

**351.130 Encouragement of gifts to institutions; use of gifts.** The board of higher education shall encourage gifts to the institutions by faithfully devoting such funds to the institution for which intended and by other suitable means. All gifts raised by any institution or given to it shall be held for the exclusive use of such institution, subject to the terms of gift. Subject to such terms, such gifts to the institutions and the Department of Higher Education may be invested in securities which constitute legal investments for trust funds held for charitable or educational purposes, in lawfully issued interest-bearing bonds or obligations of the State of Oregon and in real property.

**351.140 Board power to purchase real property.** (1) The State Board of Higher Education may purchase such real property as in its sole discretion may be necessary for the present or future development of any of the schools or institutions under its jurisdiction. The board may enter into contracts of purchase or agreements which it deems necessary in carrying out this authorization.

(2) The board may apply any funds coming into its hands, and applicable thereto, toward the purchase of property authorized under this section. The board may also mortgage or pledge any property so purchased, or its contracts to purchase, or in relation thereto, together with the income from such property, to secure the payment of the purchase price thereof.

**351.150 Title to institution realty; conveyances.** Legal title to all real property acquired by any of the institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education shall be taken and held in the name of the State of Oregon. Legal title to all real property heretofore or hereafter conveyed to any such institutions shall be deemed to be conveyed to and vested in the State of Oregon. Authorized conveyances of all real property acquired by or vested in the State of Oregon for the use or benefit of any such institutions, other than the university lands referred to in ORS 273.010, shall be executed in the name of the State of Oregon

by the president and secretary of the board of higher education. Nothing in this section or in ORS 351.060 shall be considered as exempting such property from taxation.

**351.160 Building construction.** The board of higher education may undertake the construction of any building or structure for higher education when, in the judgment of the board, it appears that the building or structure will be wholly self-liquidating and self-supporting from revenues to accrue from the operation thereof and from gifts, grants or building fees, and from unobligated revenues of buildings or projects of like character. The board may enter into contracts with persons, firms or corporations for the erection, improvement, repair, equipping and furnishing of buildings and structures for dormitories, housing, boarding and other purposes for higher education pursuant to Article XI-F (1), Oregon Constitution, ORS 351.160 to 351.190 and 351.350 to 351.490.

**351.170 Charges for use of buildings; rate; disposition of receipts.** (1) The board of higher education shall establish such rates, charges and fees for use of buildings, structures or projects referred to in ORS 351.160, including revenue-producing buildings and structures already constructed, as, in the judgment of the board, will provide the required revenues to make the particular new building, project or structure self-liquidating and self-supporting, and as will provide the funds with which to amortize the principal of and pay the interest on the bonds issued to finance such buildings, structures or projects.

(2) The board shall charge and collect from each regular student a building fee at the rate of \$5 for each regular term, for not less than three terms in each regular academic year, and \$7.50 if instruction is on a semester basis, or an equivalent rate of charge where instruction is on a different basis. The board is authorized to increase the fee above the rate indicated, if necessary, to obtain sufficient income to meet principal and interest payments and to maintain adequate sinking funds for bonds outstanding. The fee shall be in addition to tuition and other fees charged to students and shall be deposited with the State Treasurer and credited to the Higher Education Bond Sinking Fund.

**351.180 Building insurance.** The board of higher education may cause the buildings,

structures or projects referred to in ORS 351.170 and the equipment and furnishings therein and the appurtenances thereto to be insured against fire and other hazards in such sums as will protect the holders of the outstanding bonds issued to finance the cost thereof. Such insurance shall be in lieu of that afforded by the Restoration Fund, without right of insurers, in the event of loss, to subrogation to or contribution from said fund.

**351.190 Acquisition of land for building purposes.** The board of higher education may obtain, by donation, purchase, agreement or condemnation, the title to any land authorized to be acquired by ORS 351.350 and 351.450. In a condemnation proceeding, the defendant shall not be entitled to tax as costs, attorneys' fees other than the statutory prevailing attorney's fee. Condemnation proceedings instituted by the board shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to the provisions of ORS 366.375 to 366.390 or of any other statute applicable thereto, except that the relator therein shall be the State Board of Higher Education.

**351.200 Board power over higher education curricula and departments.** (1) The board of higher education shall visit the University of Oregon and Oregon State College for the purpose of inquiring as to the work offered and conducted at such institutions, whenever and as often as it may deem necessary. The board shall specifically determine from time to time as occasion may require what courses or departments, if any, shall not, in their judgment, be duplicated in the several higher educational institutions. The board may direct the elimination of duplicate work from any institution, and determine and define the courses of study and departments to be offered and conducted by each institution.

(2) A record of such determination shall be kept by the board in a book provided by the Secretary of State for that purpose. The board shall notify the Governor of such determination and each institution affected shall conform thereto.

(3) If any changes are made in the curricula of any institution, the change shall become effective at the beginning of the school year following the determination.

(4) Any person may appear before the board of higher education at any meeting

for the purpose of laying before the board any data or arguments for the maintaining or elimination of any duplicated course or department.

**351.210 Disposition of unnecessary equipment.** The board of higher education may sell or otherwise dispose of any worn out, obsolete or otherwise unsuitable equipment or material, the disposal of which would in the board's judgment be to the financial benefit of the institutions under the board's control. Before such disposal or sale, the board shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration a proposal for such sale or disposal and shall secure from the department its formal approval thereof. The proceeds from any sales or disposals made pursuant to authority granted in this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the board of higher education and may be expended by it for any purpose authorized by law in the same manner as it is authorized to make other expenditures.

**351.220 Acquisition of intellectual property.** The State Board of Higher Education may acquire by gift or by purchase interests in intellectual property of any kind, whether patentable or copyrightable or not, including patents, copyrights, inventions, discoveries, processes and ideas. The board may also agree to aid in the development of property acquired pursuant to ORS 351.220 to 351.250 and to pay an assignor of any interest in intellectual property a share of any moneys received on account of the board's ownership or management of the property. [1953 c.332 §1]

**351.230 Management, development and disposition of intellectual property.** The State Board of Higher Education may manage, develop or dispose of by assignment, sale, lease, license or other action deemed advisable by the board, property acquired under ORS 351.220, and may contract with any person or agency, board, commission or department of this or any other state or with the Federal Government regarding the management, development or disposition thereof. The board may make gratuitous assignments of such property to any trust or fund, the sole beneficiary of which is the State Board of Higher Education or any of the institutions or activities under its control, subject to the share, if any, agreed to be paid to the assignor. The board may re-

assign such property to the inventor, author or discoverer. [1953 c.332 §2]

**351.240 Terms and conditions of transactions in intellectual property; dissemination of information.** The State Board of Higher Education may determine the terms and conditions of any transaction authorized by ORS 351.220 to 351.250 and need not require competitive bids in connection therewith. No formal publicity or advertising is required regarding property for the development of which the board wishes to contract, but the board shall make reasonable efforts to disseminate such information in appropriate research and industrial circles. [1953 c.332 §4]

**351.250 Disposition of revenue; Higher Education Invention Fund.** Moneys received by the board as a result of ownership or management of property acquired under ORS 351.220 to 351.250 or of transactions regarding such property shall be credited to a special fund in the State Treasury separate and distinct from the General Fund to be designated "Higher Education Invention Fund" and shall only be applied by the State Board of Higher Education to payment of the agreed share, if any, to assignors, and for the advancement of research or for the acquisition and development of intellectual property, or both. [1953 c.332 §5]

**351.260 Planning assistance.** The State Board of Higher Education may, upon the request of the governing body of any municipality or county or of a regional or joint planning agency in the state:

(1) Provide planning assistance to such municipality, county or planning agency (including surveys, land use studies, urban renewal plans, technical services and other planning work) and to make or assist in making a study or report upon any planning problem of such municipality, county or planning agency.

(2) Agree with such governing body or planning agency as to the amount to be paid to the board for such service.

(3) Apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government and other sources in connection with any such assistance, study or report.

(4) Contract with respect thereto. [1955 c.536 §1]

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**FINANCES**

**351.305 Definition.** As used in ORS 351.310 to 351.560, "board" means the State Board of Higher Education.

**351.310 Board's general financial power; appropriation of moneys received by board.** (1) The board of higher education shall control the use, distribution and disbursement of all funds, appropriations and taxes now or hereafter in possession, levied and collected, received or appropriated for the use, benefit, support and maintenance of institutions, departments or activities of higher education, including the authorization of individuals to sign vouchers for the disbursement of funds for the various institutions, departments and activities.

(2) All moneys, except moneys appropriated from the State Treasury for expenditure within a specified period of time, heretofore or hereafter received by or on behalf of the State Board of Higher Education, or any institution, department or activity under its control, which are not otherwise appropriated by law, hereby are appropriated continuously to the State Board of Higher Education for the purposes for which such moneys were donated, granted or received, in accordance with any applicable law governing the use of such moneys. [Amended by 1955 c.84 §1]

**351.320 Prorating expenses.** The board of higher education may prorate all expenses not otherwise provided for, incurred under authority of ORS 351.040, 351.050, 351.080 to 351.110, 351.130 and 351.310 to the institutions under its control, and pay the same from the funds available for the general expenses of those institutions.

**351.330 Tax levy for higher educational institutions.** There shall be included in the state levy of taxes each year an amount equal to two and four-hundredths mills on the dollar of the total value of all taxable property of the State of Oregon according to the assessment and equalization thereof for said year, for the use of Oregon State College, the University of Oregon and the state normal schools. The amount so included shall be not less than the amount so included in the state levy of taxes for the year 1930, computed at two and four-hundredths mills on the dollar of the total value of all taxable property of the State of Oregon, according to the assessment and equalization thereof in the year 1929.

**351.340 Use of tax receipts.** All sums of money produced under ORS 351.330 hereby are appropriated in addition to that now provided by law for the support and maintenance thereof, including the payment of salaries of instructors and employees, current expenses, construction of additional buildings, purchase of lands, purchase of equipment, purchase of library books and periodicals, purchase of laboratory supplies and apparatus, making necessary repairs and, in general, for the payment of all such expenses connected with the management of said institutions, as the board of higher education may from time to time determine, and the same shall constitute a continuing appropriation for the benefit of such institutions. Any amount remaining to the credit of the University of Oregon, Oregon State College and the state normal schools at the close of any fiscal year shall be carried over and credited to the account of the respective institutions for the succeeding year, and any claims otherwise payable shall, when duly approved, be paid from such funds regardless of the time when they are incurred.

**351.350 Bond issue for higher education purposes.** In order to provide funds for the purposes specified in Article XI-F(1), Oregon Constitution, the State Board of Higher Education, with the approval of the State Bond Commission, is authorized to sell such general obligation bonds of the State of Oregon, of the kind and character and within the limits prescribed by said Article as, in the judgment of the board, shall be necessary. The board may issue bonds to construct, equip and furnish buildings and other structures of the character specified in said Article, before any revenue bonds heretofore issued by the board are redeemed or refunded. The bonds shall be authorized by resolutions duly adopted by a majority of board members at the regular or special board meeting. The principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time, issued under authority of this section, shall not exceed \$13,884,000 par value. [Amended by 1955 c.88 §1]

**351.360 Form of bond.** The Attorney General, at the request of the board, shall prepare a form of interest-bearing general-obligation coupon bond of the State of Oregon, containing the necessary covenants and conditions to effectuate the purposes of ORS 351.350 to 351.490. All bonds issued under



authority of Article XI-F(1), Oregon Constitution, ORS 351.350 and 351.420 shall contain a direct promise of the State of Oregon to pay the face value thereof with interest thereon at such rate or rates, not exceeding four percent per annum payable semiannually, as the board may deem appropriate. The bonds and appurtenant coupons shall be negotiable in form and shall embody an absolute and unconditional promise of the State of Oregon to pay the principal and interest upon the bonds, when due, in any coin or currency which, at the time of payment, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts within the United States of America.

**351.370 Numbering; maturity; reservation of right to redeem.** (1) Each bond issue shall be numbered consecutively beginning with the number one, and shall be payable serially upon maturity dates fixed by the board at not less than six months nor more than 30 years from issue date.

(2) In the issuance of such bonds the board may reserve the right to redeem all or part of an issue, at the par value thereof and the accrued interest thereon, for retirement or refunding of the bonds prior to their final maturity date. If any of such bonds were purchased by the state from the board at the time of the original issuance thereof and state ownership thereof continued unchanged, they may be redeemed by the board at any time at the amortized value thereof, based upon purchase price, and the accrued interest thereon, without publication of notice of intended redemption.

**351.380 Signatures on bonds.** The bonds shall be executed with the facsimile signatures of the Governor and of the Secretary of State and with the manual signature of the State Treasurer, with the titles of the respective officers indicated beneath their signatures. Bonds issued under authority of ORS 351.350 or 351.420 and bearing the signatures of officers in office on the date of the execution of such bonds shall be valid and legally binding obligations, notwithstanding that before delivery thereof any or all of the officers ceased to be such.

**351.390 Interest coupons.** The bonds shall bear coupons evidencing the interest to become due thereon for each instalment thereof. The first interest coupon of each issue of bonds may be for a period of more or less than 6 months but not more than

12 months, if, in the judgment of the board, the issuance of bonds with such coupon is advisable. Upon each coupon shall be printed the facsimile signature, with title of his office indicated thereunder, of each of the officers whose names appear on the bonds.

**351.400 Place of payment.** The principal of and interest upon the bonds, when due, shall be paid at the office of the State Treasurer, but with his approval the board may designate the Fiscal Agency of the State of Oregon in the city and State of New York as the place of payment of the bonds and of the interest thereon. If so designated, the charges imposed by such agency for its services shall be paid, upon approval by the State Treasurer, from the Higher Education Bond Sinking Fund.

**351.410 Payment and retirement of bonds and interest coupons.** Not less than 30 days before the due date of the principal of, and the interest upon, any such bonds, the board shall prepare and submit to the State Treasurer for verification, a claim duly approved by the board, in an amount sufficient to meet the payment thereof. Upon verification, the board shall present the claim to the Secretary of State for audit in like manner as other claims against the state are audited. The Secretary of State thereupon shall draw a warrant upon the State Treasurer in payment of such claim, from the Higher Education Bond Sinking Fund. All bonds and interest coupons surrendered to the State Treasurer upon payment thereof shall be deposited in due course by the State Treasurer with the Secretary of State. After two years from the date of deposit of such paid bonds and interest coupons, the Secretary of State shall destroy them. The Secretary of State shall prepare a list of the bonds and coupons destroyed and shall file the list with the State Treasurer, with certificate thereon duly signed by him that the bonds and coupons described therein were destroyed by him on the date of the certificate.

**351.420 Refunding bonds; disposition of residue of moneys in sinking funds established for refunded bonds.** (1) The board may issue refunding bonds to provide funds with which to redeem revenue bonds issued by the board prior to August 2, 1951, and with which to refund outstanding bonds issued under the provisions of this section, Article XI-F(1), Oregon Constitution, and

ORS 351.350. The issuance and sale of such refunding bonds, the maturity dates and other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof and the duties of the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer and of the board with respect thereto shall be governed by the other provisions of ORS 351.350 to 351.510 in so far as such provisions are applicable.

(2) In the refunding of bonds under authority of this section, moneys on hand in particular funds to meet outstanding bonds shall be used in so far as, in the judgment of the board, is expedient to reduce the amount of such outstanding bonds and to pay the interest thereon to the call or maturity date thereof. Any residue thereof remaining in a bond sinking fund after payment of the bonds and the interest thereon payable therefrom, shall be credited to the sinking fund set aside to meet the principal of and interest upon the bonds issued to refund said bonds.

**351.430 Advertisement of bonds; bids.** The board shall advertise all bonds issued under ORS 351.350 and 351.420 for sale at least once each week for not less than two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation printed in the English language and published in Portland, Oregon. The form of advertisement shall be prepared by the Attorney General. All bids for such bonds shall be in writing and, unless the sale thereof is made to the State of Oregon, shall be accompanied by a certified check on a solvent bank or trust company doing business in the United States, having a capital and surplus of not less than \$5,000,000, for not less than two percent of the par value of the bonds offered for sale. The advertisement of sale of the bonds shall contain a provision to the effect that the board, in its discretion, may reject any or all bids received by it in pursuance of such advertisement. In the event of such rejection, the board may readvertise for bids for the bonds in the form and manner set forth in this section.

**351.440 Sale; minimum price.** None of the bonds may be sold to the public at private sale, but they may be sold to the state either in registered or in coupon form, without advertisement thereof for public sale, at interest rates not exceeding four percent per annum payable semiannually and at a price not lower than specified in this section. Bonds issued to provide funds with which to

construct, improve, repair, equip and furnish buildings and other structures for higher education and to purchase or improve sites therefor may be sold for not less than 98 percent of the par value thereof and the full amount, if any, of the interest accrued thereon to the date of delivery of the bonds to the purchaser thereof. Refunding bonds issued in conformity with ORS 351.420 may be sold to any bidder or to the state at a price of not less than the par value thereof and the full amount, if any, of the interest accrued thereon to the date of delivery of the bonds to the purchaser thereof.

**351.450 Higher Education Bond Building Fund.** The moneys realized from sales of bonds issued to construct, improve, repair, equip and furnish buildings and other structures for higher education, and to purchase and improve sites therefor shall be credited to a special fund in the State Treasury separate and distinct from the General Fund, to be designated Higher Education Bond Building Fund. The moneys in the fund hereby are appropriated to defray the costs of the projects to be financed through sale of the bonds, and shall not be used for any other purpose, except that such moneys may, with the approval of the State Bond Commission, be invested until needed in obligations of the State of Oregon or of the United States Government, or both, having maturity dates of not to exceed two years. If a surplus remains after application to such purpose, the surplus, and earnings from temporary investments, shall be credited to the Higher Education Bond Sinking Fund. [Amended by 1953 c.214 §2]

**351.460 Higher Education Bond Sinking Fund.** (1) The board shall maintain with the State Treasurer, a Higher Education Bond Sinking Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, to provide for the payment of the principal of and the interest upon the bonds issued under authority of Article XI-F (1), Oregon Constitution, ORS 351.350 and 351.420. The moneys in said sinking fund hereby are appropriated for such purposes. The said fund may be invested by the board in bonds issued or guaranteed by the United States or in bonds of the State of Oregon, and the earnings from such investments shall be credited to said fund.

(2) The Higher Education Bond Sinking Fund shall consist of all moneys received

from ad valorem taxes levied pursuant to ORS 351.480, all moneys that the Legislative Assembly may provide in lieu of such taxes, all of the net revenues received from the projects or undertakings for the financing of which the bonds were issued, including gifts, grants and building fees, such unpledged revenues of buildings and projects of like character as shall be allocated by the board, all moneys received as accrued interest upon bonds sold, all earnings from investments of said fund and the proceeds of the sale of refunding bonds.

(3) The board shall apply student building fees, revenues, gifts and grants for the payment of the principal of and the interest upon such bonds until such time as said sinking fund and investments thereof, as supplemented by expected future income will, in the judgment of the board, be sufficient to meet in full the principal of and the interest upon all outstanding bonds. Income not thus required for the sinking fund shall be transferred to such other fund and account as the board shall designate.

(4) The said sinking fund shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the fund was created; but should a balance remain therein after the purpose for which the fund was created has been fulfilled or after a reserve sufficient to meet all existing and future obligations and liabilities of the fund has been set aside, the surplus remaining may be transferred to such other fund as the board may designate.

**351.470** [Reserved for expansion]

**351.480 Tax levy for higher education purposes.** Each year the State Tax Commission shall determine the amount of revenues or other funds that are available and the amount of taxes, if any, that should be levied in addition thereto, to meet the requirements of ORS 351.160 to 351.190 and 351.350 to 351.510 for the ensuing fiscal year. Such additional amount shall be apportioned, certified to, and collected by the several counties of the state in the manner required by law for the apportionment, certification and collection of other ad valorem property taxes for state purposes. The amounts of ad valorem taxes levied under authority of this section shall be remitted in full by the several county treasurers to the State Treasurer in the manner and at the times prescribed by law and shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Higher Education Bond Sinking Fund.

**351.490 Federal aid; donations; acceptance and use.** The board may, in its discretion, accept financial assistance and grants, either in the form of money or labor, from the United States or any of its agencies, subject to the terms and conditions thereof, regardless of any laws of this state in conflict with the regulations of the Federal Government with respect thereto, and may also accept from others any donation or grant of land or gift of money or other valuable gift or thing, for any of the purposes contemplated by Article XI-F(1), Oregon Constitution, ORS 351.160 to 351.190 and 351.350 to 351.510. Unless enjoined by the terms or conditions of any such gift or grant, the board may convert the same, or any of of them, into money, through sale or disposal thereof.

**351.500 Repealed statutes continued effective until bonds redeemed.** Outstanding bonds issued under article 3, chapter 36, title 111, O.C.L.A., and chapter 41, title 111, O.C.L.A., shall continue to be valid obligations until they are redeemed in full, and authority granted in connection with said bonds shall continue in effect until they have been so redeemed.

**351.510 Audit and payment of claims.** The Secretary of State shall audit all claims incurred in carrying out the provisions of ORS 351.160 to 351.190 and 351.350 to 351.510 and draw his warrants on the State Treasurer in payment thereof.

**351.520 Borrowing money for purchase of real property.** In carrying out the power and authority granted by ORS 351.140, the board of higher education may borrow money and issue its notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness secured by the pledge of the real property to be acquired and revenues, as provided in ORS 351.140. Such evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in the form determined by the board, but all such evidences of indebtedness shall mature not later than 30 years after their respective dates.

**351.530 Obligations under ORS 351.140 or 351.520 not indebtedness of state or board.** No obligation of any kind incurred under ORS 351.140 or 351.520 shall be, or be considered, an indebtedness of the State of Oregon, or to create a general indebtedness of the board of higher education. Any contract of purchase, note or bond or other

obligation issued by said board shall limit its payment to the property and income or revenues pledged to secure its payment.

**351.540 Special checking account of board of higher education.** Unless otherwise provided by law, or by federal order or regulation with respect to federal funds, the State Board of Higher Education, with the approval of the State Treasurer, may deposit with the State Treasurer any moneys coming into its hands. Moneys so deposited, other than that required by law to be disbursed only upon warrant of the Secretary of State, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to a special checking account and may be disbursed by check or order of said board upon the State Treasurer, signed by such officer or administrative head as the board, by motion or resolution, nominates for that purpose.

**351.550 Use of special checking account.** The special checking account may be used for the purpose of clearing items subject to subsequent credit to state funds, making payroll disbursements, handling salary and wage deductions for the purchasing by employees of obligations of the Federal Government, withholding and paying, pursuant to law, federal or other taxes from salaries and wages of employees, and depositing and disbursing athletic, student and employee retirement moneys, and such other funds within the lawful custody of the board of higher education as the board by resolution duly adopted shall ordain.

**351.560 Higher education revolving fund.** For the purpose of providing funds to pay the ordinary and current expenses of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education incurred in the operation of the state institutions of higher learning where it may be desirable and necessary to make immediate cash payments in order to obtain trade discounts and for travel, postage, expressage, emergency advances and items which are payable immediately in cash upon presentation, a revolving fund in the sum of \$300,000 for the use of the State Board of Higher Education is established. As the board's duly designated disbursing officer from time to time files with the Secretary of State verified vouchers covering disbursements therefrom, accompanied by an itemized statement showing in detail the names of the persons, firms or corporations to whom and the purposes for which such disbursements were

made therefrom pursuant to law, the Secretary of State shall issue his warrants on the State Treasurer payable out of moneys available by operation of law in the General Fund for the functioning of state institutions of higher learning in favor of said disbursing officer for the amount of such vouchers and statement not exceeding \$300,000. The verified vouchers covering disbursements shall bear the approval of the individual authorized by the State Board of Higher education to sign vouchers for the disbursement of funds for the various institutions of higher learning as provided by law. The payments of such warrants shall be credited to the revolving fund created by this section. The revolving fund may be held as petty cash funds or carried with the State Treasurer as are suspense funds as provided by law or deposited in banks. Disbursements therefrom shall be made only by the disbursing officer in payment of claims authorized by law.

**351.570 to 351.700** [Reserved for expansion]

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**351.710 Approval of requirements for degree.** (1) No school or other institution of learning shall confer or offer to confer any degree upon any person, in recognition of the attainment or proficiency of such person, in pursuing or graduating from any course conducted by it, without first having submitted the requirements for such degree to the State Board of Education and having obtained its approval of such requirements.

(2) ORS 351.710 to 351.760 shall not apply to any school or institution of learning which has been established and conducted within this state, and has conferred degrees for a period of 15 years prior to March 4, 1935; nor to any school conducted under the public educational system of the state; nor to any school which is a member in good standing of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools; nor to any school which confers degrees only for proficiency in any system or method of healing, nor to any school now conferring the degree of doctor of optometry.

**351.720 Revocation of approval; notice and hearing.** Approval obtained under ORS 351.710 may be revoked for proper cause by the State Board of Education at its discretion, after a hearing. Such hearing shall

be held only after the school or institution of learning involved has been given 20 days' notice in writing of the time and place of such hearing.

**351.730 Review of board decisions.** Any decision made by the State Board of Education refusing any school or institution of learning permission to confer degrees or revoking the right to confer degrees, shall be subject to the right of review by a suit brought in the circuit court of the county in which the school or institution of learning is located. Such review shall be tried as a suit in equity.

**351.740 Announcement of conferring of degrees before approval of requirements forbidden.** Excepting those exempted by ORS 351.710, no school or institution of learning conducted within this state, nor any officer or member thereof, shall announce or advertise that such school or institution of learning does or will confer any degree upon any person whomsoever without first having complied with ORS 351.710 and 351.750.

**351.750 Schools to file information; board authorized to inspect; revocation for failure to maintain standards.** All schools or other institutions of learning subject to ORS 351.710 shall file such information with the State Board of Education as it may direct. The board may send an expert to inspect any such school or institution of learning. If any such school or institution of learning fails to keep up the required standard, the State Board of Education shall revoke its approval to confer degrees.

**351.760 Misrepresentation of possession of academic degree prohibited.** No person shall lay claim to or represent himself as possessing any academic degree which has not been awarded to or conferred upon him. Any person claiming to be the holder of any academic degree shall, upon request of the State Board of Education, file with it the name of the degree so claimed, the name and location of the institution or school conferring same, the date of conference and a certified copy of the diploma or other document in possession of the claimant and evidencing such degree. Failure to file such information or document shall be prima facie evidence that the claim of such person to such degree is fraudulent.

**351.770 Western Regional Higher Education Compact ratified.** The Western Re-

gional Higher Education Compact is ratified and approved and the adherence of this state to its provisions, upon ratification and approval by any five or more of the states or territories therein named, is declared.

**351.780 Compact provisions.** The terms and provisions of the compact referred to in ORS 351.770 are as follows:

#### WESTERN REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT

##### Article I

Whereas the future of this nation and of the western states is dependent upon the quality of the education of its youth; and

Whereas many of the western states individually do not have sufficient numbers of potential students to warrant the establishment and maintenance within their borders of adequate facilities in all of the essential fields of technical, professional and graduate training, nor do all of the states have the financial ability to furnish within their borders institutions capable of providing acceptable standards of training in all of the fields mentioned above; and

Whereas it is believed that the western states, or groups of such states within the region, cooperatively can provide acceptable and efficient educational facilities to meet the needs of the region and of the students thereof:

Now, therefore, the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

##### Article II

Each of the compacting states and territories pledges to each of the other compacting states and territories faithful cooperation in carrying out all the purposes of this compact.

##### Article III

The compacting states and territories hereby create the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, hereinafter called the commission. Said commission shall be a body corporate of each compacting state and territory and an agency thereof. The commission shall have all the powers and duties set forth herein, including the power to sue and be sued, and such additional powers as may be conferred upon it by subsequent action of the respective legislatures of the compacting states and territories.

## Article IV

The commission shall consist of three resident members from each compacting state or territory. At all times one commissioner from each compacting state or territory shall be an educator engaged in the field of higher education in the state or territory from which he is appointed.

The commissioners from each state and territory shall be appointed by the Governor thereof as provided by law in such state or territory. Any commissioner may be removed or suspended from office as provided by the law of the state or territory from which he shall have been appointed.

The terms of each commissioner shall be four years; provided, however, that the first three commissioners shall be appointed as follows: One for two years, one for three years, and one for four years. Each commissioner shall hold office until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. If any office becomes vacant for any reason, the Governor shall appoint a commissioner to fill the office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

## Article V

Any business transacted at any meeting of the commission must be by affirmative vote of a majority of the whole number of compacting states and territories.

One or more commissioners from a majority of the compacting states and territories shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Each compacting state and territory represented at any meeting of the commission is entitled to one vote.

## Article VI

The commission shall elect from its number a chairman and a vice-chairman, and may appoint, and at its pleasure dismiss or remove, such officers, agents and employes as may be required to carry out the purpose of this compact; and shall fix and determine their duties, qualifications and compensation, having due regard for the importance of the responsibilities involved.

The commissioners shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses from the funds of the commission.

## Article VII

The commission shall adopt a seal and bylaws and shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for its management and control.

The commission may elect such committees as it deems necessary for the carrying out of its functions.

The commission shall establish and maintain an office within one of the compacting states for the transaction of its business and may meet at any time, but in any event must meet at least once a year. The chairman may call upon such additional meetings and upon the request of a majority of the commissioners of three or more compacting states or territories shall call additional meetings.

The commission shall submit a budget to the Governor of each compacting state and territory at such time and for such period as may be required.

The commission shall, after negotiations with interested institutions, determine the cost of providing the facilities for graduate and professional education for use in its contractual agreements throughout the region.

On or before the fifteenth day of January of each year the commission shall submit to the governors and legislatures of the compacting states and territories a report of its activities for the preceding calendar year.

The commission shall keep accurate books of account, showing in full its receipts and disbursements, and said books of account shall be open at any reasonable time for inspection by the Governor of any compacting state or territory or his designated representative. The commission shall not be subject to the audit and accounting procedure of any of the compacting states or territories. The commission shall provide for an independent annual audit.

## Article VIII

It shall be the duty of the commission to enter into such contractual agreements with any institutions in the region offering graduate or professional education and with any of the compacting states or territories as may be required in the judgment of the commission to provide adequate services and facilities of graduate and professional education for the citizens of the respective compacting states or territories. The commission shall first endeavor to provide adequate services and facilities in the fields of dentistry, medicine, public health and veterinary medicine, and may undertake similar activities in other professional and graduate fields.

For this purpose the commission may enter into contractual agreements:

(a) With the governing authority of any educational institution in the region, or with any compacting state or territory, to provide such graduate or professional educational services upon terms and conditions to be agreed upon between contracting parties, and

(b) With the governing authority of any educational institution in the region or with any compacting state or territory to assist in the placement of graduate or professional students in educational institutions in the region providing the desired services and facilities, upon such terms and conditions as the commission may prescribe.

It shall be the duty of the commission to undertake studies of needs for professional and graduate educational facilities in the region, the resources for meeting such needs, and the long-range effects of the compact on higher education; and from time to time prepare comprehensive reports on such research for presentation to the Western Governors' Conference and to the legislatures of the compacting states and territories. In conducting such studies, the commission may confer with any national or regional planning body which may be established. The commission shall draft and recommend to the Governors of the various compacting states and territories uniform legislation dealing with problems of higher education in the region.

For the purposes of this compact the word "region" shall be construed to mean the geographical limits of the several compacting states and territories.

#### Article IX

The operating costs of the commission shall be apportioned equally among the compacting states and territories.

#### Article X

This compact shall become operative and binding immediately as to those states and territories adopting it whenever five or more of the states or territories of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Alaska and Hawaii have duly adopted it prior to July 1, 1953. This compact shall become effective as to any additional states or territories adopting thereafter at the time of such adoption.

#### Article XI

This compact may be terminated at any time by consent of a majority of the compacting states or territories. Consent shall

be manifested by passage and signature in the usual manner of legislation expressing such consent by the legislature and Governor of such terminating state. Any state or territory may at any time withdraw from this compact by means of appropriate legislation to that end. Such withdrawal shall not become effective until two years after written notice thereof by the Governor of the withdrawing state or territory, accompanied by a certified copy of the requisite legislative action, is received by the commission. Such withdrawal shall not relieve the withdrawing state or territory from its obligations hereunder accruing prior to the effective date of withdrawal. The withdrawing state or territory may rescind its action of withdrawal at any time within the two-year period. Thereafter, the withdrawing state or territory may be reinstated by application to and the approval by a majority vote of the commission.

#### Article XII

If any compacting state or territory shall at any time default in the performance of any of its obligations assumed or imposed in accordance with the provisions of this compact, all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this compact or agreements hereunder, shall be suspended from the effective date of such default as fixed by the commission.

Unless such default shall be remedied within a period of two years following the effective date of such default, this compact may be terminated with respect to such defaulting state or territory by affirmative vote of three-fourths of the other member states or territories.

Any such defaulting state may be reinstated by: (a) performing all acts and obligations upon which it has heretofore defaulted, and (b) application to and the approval by a majority vote of the commission.

**351.790 Effective time of compact.** Upon ratification and approval of the Western Regional Higher Education Compact by any five or more of the specified states or territories, the Governor of this state shall execute the compact on behalf of this state and perform any other acts which may be deemed requisite to its formal ratification and promulgation.

**351.800 Commission members; appointment and removal.** (1) The Governor shall appoint the Oregon members of the Western



Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

(2) The qualifications and terms of office of the members of the commission for this state shall conform with the provisions of article IV of the compact.

(3) The Governor may remove a member of the commission for cause after notice and public hearing.

**351.810 Authority to take action to achieve ends of compact.** The State Board of Higher Education, and the Oregon members of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education are authorized to take any action necessary to achieving the ends of the Western Regional Higher Education Compact. [1953 c.205 §1]

**351.820 Contracts with commission to furnish out-of-state educational service to Oregon students.** (1) Prior to June 1 of each even numbered year the Oregon members of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education shall determine the quotas of Oregon students for whom various kinds of educational service should be purchased in out-of-state institutions during the next biennium and shall recommend to the State Board of Higher Education the amount to be included in its biennial budget to cover the cost of such educational service.

(2) The State Board of Higher Education shall negotiate contracts with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education for educational service of the kind and amount indicated by the quotas determined under subsection (1) of this section. The Board shall make payments required by such contracts out of the money appropriated to it for that purpose. [1953 c.205 §§2, 3]

**351.830 Selection of Oregon residents to receive out-of-state educational service.** (1) Any Oregon resident desiring to take advantage of the Western Regional Higher Education Compact may make application to the State Board of Higher Education for out-of-state educational service. From such applicants the board shall select students to fill the quotas determined under ORS 351.820.

(2) The board and the Oregon members of the Western Interstate Commission for

Higher Education shall jointly establish criteria to be observed by the board in making such selections.

(3) The board shall certify the names of the students selected to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education and to the out-of-state institution to which each student desires admission. [1953 c.205 §4]

**351.840 Contracts with commission to furnish educational service in Oregon institutions to out-of-state students.** (1) The State Board of Higher Education may contract with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education to furnish educational service in Oregon institutions to out-of-state students.

(2) The board shall determine the number of out-of-state students that should be accepted, and shall make final decisions on admission of individual applicants.

(3) Out-of-state students attending Oregon institutions under contracts with the commission shall pay fees and tuition customarily charged Oregon students.

(4) Payments made by the commission under such contracts shall be deposited in the State Treasury and credited to the accounts of the State Board of Higher Education in the same manner that fees and tuition payments for resident students are deposited and credited. The estimated amount of such payments shall be considered by the board in making its biennial budgetary requests. [1953 c.205 §5]

**351.850 to 351.980** [Reserved for expansion]

## PENALTIES

**351.990 Penalties.** (1) Violation of any of the provisions of ORS 351.710 to 351.760 by any person or institution of learning, or any person being an officer or member of any school or institution of learning, is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500.

(2) Violation of ORS 351.010 to 351.050, 351.080 to 351.140, 351.200, 351.210, 351.310 to 351.340, 351.520, 351.530 or 351.560 is a misdemeanor.

## CERTIFICATE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Pursuant to ORS 173.170, I, Sam R. Haley, Legislative Counsel, do hereby certify that I have compared each section printed in this chapter with the original section in the enrolled bill, and that the sections in this chapter are correct copies of the enrolled sections, with the exception of the changes in form permitted by ORS 173.160 and other changes specifically authorized by law.  
Done at Salem, Oregon,  
on October 15, 1955.

Sam R. Haley  
Legislative Counsel