



State Affairs - 2022 Update

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University of Oregon Investments

- The UO received over \$10 million to purchase scientific equipment for Building 2 of the [Phil and Penny Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact](#).
- \$4.5 million was allocated to support the work of Professor Doug Toomey and the [Oregon Hazards Lab](#) Wildfire Camera Network.
- \$700,000 will support the College of Education's Oregon Child Abuse Prevalence Study expansion. This will support the most comprehensive child abuse prevalence study in the US and will provide data to help Oregon policymakers direct funding appropriately.

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Investments for all Oregon Public Universities

- \$7.5 million was allocated to continue the [Strong Start / Summer Bridge Program](#) to support the program for 2022 for high school graduates who did not enroll in college due to the pandemic or enrolled in college and were adversely impacted by the pandemic.
- Legislators approved a \$30 million increase in Capital Improvement and Renewal bonds designed to address cost escalations on previously approved capital projects. For UO, these include Huestis Hall and the Heritage Project, consisting of University and Villard Halls
- \$19 million was approved for the Tribal Student Grant Program. This will provide financial aid grants to students who are enrolled members of recognized Native American tribes.
- The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is giving \$600,000 in grant funding to 15 colleges and universities across the state to primarily support the institutions' Campus Veteran Resource Centers and bolster other services for Oregon student veterans. UO was awarded \$50,600 of these grant funds.

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Policy Bills Affecting University of Oregon

- [SB 1505](#): Expanding the Rights of Student-Athletes: In 2021, Oregon became one of the earliest states to clear the way for student-athletes to benefit from the use of their name, image, and likeness (NIL). This bill expands Oregon's NIL law by requiring producers to provide royalty payments to student-athletes if their individual name, image, or likeness is used on a jersey, trading card, in a video game or other such setting. Oregon will become just the second state in the country to provide this benefit to student-athletes.
- [SB 1522](#): This omnibus education bill includes in-state tuition eligibility for Afghan refugees, in-state tuition provisions for veterans, provides access to educational programs at correctional facilities, modifies eligibility for Oregon Promise Grant, and modifies requirements for part-time faculty health insurance.

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Employment Bills

SB 1514: Passed. This bill became a vehicle to delay a provision of the Oregon Equal Pay Act that requires employers to adhere strictly to equity requirements when giving hiring and retention bonuses. If required to do a complex equity analyses before giving bonuses, businesses would end them, harming both employers and employees. When the legislative session began, such analyses would have been required as of March 1. They will now be delayed until October.

SB 1586: Passed. Employers and employees may now negotiate the inclusion of settlement amounts in nondisclosure agreements.

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2023 Policy Issues to Watch

- **Expanded Funding for Student Support Services resulting from Student Voices Task Force.** Legislators have been touring the State to hear directly from higher ed faculty and students about programs to help underrepresented students succeed.
- **Continued Pandemic & Wildfire Response**
- **Threats to Institutional Governance Authority.** A governance work group is being created by Senator Dembrow to examine public university boards.
- **HR Related Policies.** Including revisions to paid leave legislation, work week proposals, etc.

Looking Ahead – Key Dates

May 17th – Primary Election Day

May 18th – Quarterly revenue forecast released

November 8th – General Election Day

January 2023 – Long legislative session starts