

Senate Bill 116

2009 Legislative Session

Summary

The State Board of Higher Education is seeking statutory changes in the process by which the Legislature authorizes expenditure limitations for capital projects funded entirely by gifts, grants, donations, federal funds and other revenues, to provide Oregon University System (OUS) campuses with greater flexibility in managing gifts and donations for capital projects.

Senate Bill 116 will establish a new process where the Legislature would establish an aggregate expenditure limitation for capital projects funded exclusively by gifts, grants, donations, federal funds and other revenues.

Within that expenditure limitation, the State Board of Higher Education may determine the capital construction projects within the OUS for which the department may expend funds.

The implication of this change is that the OUS would not be required to seek legislative approval to increase or decrease expenditure limitations for projects funded by the above mentioned revenue sources. This change would maintain accountability to the Legislature and the Board, but would provide a timely and entrepreneurial focus on results rather than process.

The legislation does not impact expenditure limitations or projects funded (in any amount) by General Fund, Lottery funds, Article XI -F(1) or Article XI-G, energy loans or certificates of participation.

Fiscal Impact

This bill has no fiscal impact.

