



2025 Legislative Concept Proposal LC 501: Minor and Technical Revisions

Problem

Over time, through organizational shifts, changes in budgeting, evolution in preferred terminology, and other reasons, statutes require minor and technical revisions to preserve legislative intent and to allow agencies and programs to operate smoothly. HECC has required a significant number of these kinds of revisions in the last decade due to the profound organizational shifts that have occurred in Oregon higher education since 2012.

Background

Minor and technical revisions are those that have no substantive impact on programs and services currently offered (though they may repeal programs that have not been funded for some time), no equity impacts, and no fiscal impacts. They often allow for statutes to be read more clearly.

Proposed Solution

The concept proposes minor and technical revisions. It remains largely a placeholder with room to add additional needed changes. Currently the following minor revisions are being tracked for inclusion, but the list typically grows up until an amendment is introduced during session:

1. Allow the Transfer Council the discretion to create a subcommittee that does not have equal numbers of college and university participants when doing so is not possible due to the distribution of program offerings across schools and sectors.
2. Fix an omission in the Senate Education Omnibus bill that exempted some, but not all Transfer Council academic subcommittees from public meeting law requirements.