

Legislative Update

University Council

March 12, 2021

2021 Legislative Session Overview

- Long Session (odd years)—150 days
- Short Session (even years)—35 days
- Democratic majority party in both chambers and Governor
- Legislator turnover (5 new Senators and 8 new Representatives)
- COVID-19 Safety Rules—No in-person meetings and lobbying
- Floor Sessions for voting likely in March

WOU Lobbying Approach for 2021

ZOOM!

Videos (3-5 minutes in length)

[Bilingual Teacher Scholars](#)

Becoming an HSI

Capital Construction Projects

[Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#)

Education Partnerships

Salem Center

Sports Lotteries

Student Success Programs

Transfer Student Success

TRU Lobby Days May 17 and May 20

Key Statewide Themes and Priorities

- COVID-19
- Wildfire Recovery and Prevention
- Social Justice and Equity
- Continued K-12 Student Success Act Implementation
- Workforce Development
- Homelessness
- Climate Change
- Transparency

WOU Priorities

PUSF--\$900 Million for the seven public universities (maintenance)

DPT Authorization—SB 230

Capital Investments

Student Success Center, Health Sciences Building, New PE

- Build Awareness and prepare for the future
- HSI and Leader in Diversity, Inclusion and Equity
 - Bilingual Teacher Scholars
 - Criminal Justice move to Social Justice and Restorative Justice
- Health Sciences
 - Contact Tracing and Community Health
 - DPT

Legislation of Interest

Permits professional doctorates to TRU's **SB 230**

Common Course Numbering (Transfer) **SB 233**

Oregon Opportunity Grant Remodel \$200M request **HB 2093**

Benefits for Part-time faculty **SB 551**

Alternate Teacher License Pathways **HB 2166**

Changes educational requirements for Accelerated Learning teachers **HB 2868**

Permits community college and university merger **SB 1**

Taskforce on student success in higher education **HB 2590**

Student Fees **HB 3012 and HB 2542**

Key Dates and Milestones

February 23:	Deadline for new measures
April 13:	Deadline for first reading
May 19:	Revenue Forecast
May 28:	Deadline for second chamber reading
June 18:	Sine Die Target (end of session)
June 27:	Constitutional Sine Die