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12-058 REDISTRIBUTE PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD MEMBER ZONES

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REPORT: Redistricting of the seven PCC Board zones is required every 10 years, after the release of U.S. Census data. The purpose is to ensure that as population changes over time, each zone represents a relatively comparable number of residents. For PCC, the redistricting process must be completed by the first date a board candidate can file for the 2013 election (February 2013).

The decision about where the zone lines fall is the PCC Board of Directors'. To aid the Board in making this decision, PCC contracted with the PSU Center for Population Research to analyze the PCC district boundaries and the new 2010 census data. PSU provided two options for how the zones could be redrawn. The first proposal largely follows the existing zone boundaries, making small adjustments for population changes. The second proposal would make more substantial changes to the current zones, redrawing zone 7 so that it includes a much larger geographic area, including all of Columbia County, as well as Yamhill and southern Washington County. The remaining zones would become more compact as a result. These options were presented by PCC staff at the September 2011 Board meeting and then with additional detail by PSU staff at the October 2011 Board meeting, as part of a public hearing. No public comment was provided during the hearing.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt Proposal 1 for redistricting the PCC Board of Director zones, given that a primary objective of redistricting is to minimize changes in boundaries and that no public comment was received to indicate community support for making significant change.