HB 2735: ABOR; course approval; accounting system
Sponsor: Representative Grantham, LD 14
Committee on Appropriations

Overview
Allows the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) to delegate their authority to a university president and prohibits university presidents from further delegating that authority.

History
The Arizona Constitution established ABOR as the governing body of Arizona's university system (Ariz. Const., Article XI, § 5). ABOR governs Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona. ABOR is legally, fiscally and strategically responsible for the state universities. The university presidents and their compensations are also determined by ABOR (A.R.S. § 15-1626).

Provisions
1. Allows ABOR to delegate their authority to approve academic degrees or organizational units only to a university president, who may not further delegate that authority. (Sec 1.)
2. Requires ABOR and university presidents to consult, rather than share responsibility with, university faculty regarding educational and personnel matters. (Sec 1.)
3. Changes faculty's role in university governance from participation to consultation. (Sec. 1)
4. Defines organizational unit as a department, center, institute, college or other academic unit of a university. (Sec. 1)
5. Requires each university to provide ABOR with access to the university's accounting and reporting system for oversight and monitoring purposes. (Sec. 2)
6. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 2)