

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3670 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes the For-Profit Independent Colleges Student Assistance Fund and allows qualified students to apply for grants from monies on the fund.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC)

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The measure allows qualified students at eligible for-profit institutions of higher education to apply for For-Profit Independent Grant moneys. The measure is effective on passage and students may first apply for grants on January 1, 2013.

The measure establishes the For-Profit Independent Colleges Student Assistance Fund, continuously appropriates the moneys to Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) to award For-Profit Independent Grants to students accepted into degree granting for-profit institutions of higher education that have been approved to offer and confer degrees by the Office of Degree Authorization and have a physical campus in Oregon. The measure allows the OSAC to accept funds from any source and interest earned is credited back to the account.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The measure identifies possible funding sources, but the amount of funds available for grants from the For-Profit Independent Colleges fund is unknown. The Commission will utilize existing staff to establish rules for the program and wait until a source and amount of funds are determined before implementing the program.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the demand for individual grants to be awarded are indeterminate and that excessive demand may require additional staff to administer the program.