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Oregon Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education  
900 Court Street NE  
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Dear Co-Chairs Komp and Monroe:

This letter is in response to questions raised by committee members during the April 1, 2013 hearing.

*Co-Chair Monroe: how much has community college tuition increased over the past five years?* For Oregon community colleges, from Fall 2008 to Fall 2012, in-district tuition and fees has risen 36.3%.

*Rep. Frederick: what percentage of incoming community college students require developmental education courses?* The Oregon Community College Unified Reporting System (OCCURS) is in the process of implementing the data collection to show how many students “place into” developmental courses; we expect to begin collecting this data in the 2013-14 year.

Currently Oregon Community Colleges report to Complete College America on various measures, one being “Students enrolling in remedial education.” Students included in this measure are first-time, degree-seeking students who complete a developmental course (of all entering students). The data reported for 2012 were:

Students	Math Only	English Only	Math & English
All Students	36.13%	7.65%	14.55%
White Students	38.01%	7.53%	13.68%
Hispanic Students	29.40%	7.82%	20.39%
African American Students	36.26%	10.44%	22.25%
Other Races	32.19%	7.31%	13.65%
Age 17-19 (directly from HS)	38.29%	8.32%	16.40%
Age 20-24	34.68%	7.50%	12.01%
Age 25 and Over	28.44%	5.08%	8.86%
Pell Grant Recipients (at entry)	44.05%	9.34%	19.21%

\*Other races may be underestimated due to suppressed data in one or more race categories

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Camille Preus, Commissioner

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CCWD Management Team

