## Funding Higher Education in Oregon: Linking Funding to Outcomes

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## The Elements of Finance Policy



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## **Oregon Completion and Funding Model**

#### Performance/Policy Levers (to 2025)

<u>College Participation</u> High School Graduation Traditional College-Going Participation of Older Adults

<u>College Completion</u> Credentials per FTE (by Sector) Additional Certificates

Financial Levers (by Sector) Tuition and Fees Percent of State Appropriations Devoted to Educational Activities More Students Added to the System, Increased Credential Productivity

More Students Added to the -System, with Lower Incomes

Institutions Responsible for \$ Not Covered by OOG

#### **Model Outputs**

**Annual Funding Obligations** 

 State Funding by Sector (for Educational Purposes)

OR Opportunity Grant (Minus Expected Student Contribution, EFC, and Pell – by income quartile

Institutional Scholarships/Grants

Performance Needed to Reach 40, 40, 20 – Additional Credential Production

Funding Obligations of the State – for Each Sector (Based on Degree Production)

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State Funding Obligation to OOG – to Accommodate New Students at Different Income Levels

Institutional Obligation for Increased Tuition and Fees Total Revenues by Sector and Category – State Educational and Non-Educational, Local, Tuition and Fees

## Policy Variables in the Equations

- Target number of completions, by type
- \$/completion (affected by productivity ratios)
- "Agreed upon" tuition by sector
- Payments for other components of mission



# Why Productivity Can Be Factored Into the Calculation





Sources: NCES, IPEDS Completions, Finance, and Enrollments Surveys.

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# Outcomes-Based Funding in the Community Colleges



## **Design Principles**

- 1. Get agreement on goals before creating resource allocation model
- 2. Don't construct metrics too narrowly
- 3. Design the distribution model to promote mission differentiation
- 4. Include provisions that reward success in serving underrepresented populations
- 5. Limit the number of outcomes incorporated into the model
- 6. Choose metrics that are unambiguous and difficult to game



## **Implementation Principles**

- Make the amount distributed large enough to command attention
- Reward continuous improvement, not attainment of a fixed goal
- Include a phase-in provision
- Incorporate a stop-loss provision to ease implementation
- Utilize in good times and in bad
- Involve institutions at each stage of the process
- Create a mechanism for monitoring effects on quality



## Allocation for Community Colleges



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# Outcomes-Based Funding in the Oregon University System



### OUS Outcomes-Based Funding - Design Criteria Degree Completion

- Degree Completion
  - Baccalaureate degrees awarded to Oregon residents
  - Premium points awarded on the basis of characteristics of recipients numbers of Oregon residents awarded degrees who are
    - Low income (Pell recipients)
    - Residents of rural counties (an alternative formulation is underserved counties counties with lowest participation rates in OUS institutions
    - Underrepresented subpopulations
  - Premium points awarded on basis of type of program
    - STEM
    - Health
    - One field selected by each institution in collaboration with regional economic development officials



## OUS Outcomes-Based Funding - Design Criteria

- Seamless system
  - Number of baccalaureate degrees awarded to Oregon residents who transferred from Oregon community colleges with at least 36 quarter hours
  - Number of these community college transfer graduates who graduate with fewer than 210 hours of college credit
  - Number of students getting BAs with fewer than 180 credits taught in college(s)
- Economic development
  - Number of baccalaureate degrees granted to out-of-state residents X ?% a factor based on analysis of proportion of out-of-state students who stay and work in Oregon
  - Number of graduate degrees awarded (regardless of recipients' state of residence
  - Research expenditures from restricted funds
  - Revenues from licenses and sales of intellectual property

