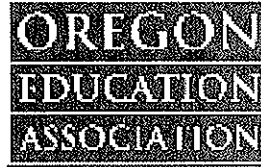




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Dear Legislative Leaders:

As you know, HB 3120-A proposes revamping the way the state governs higher education in Oregon. HB 3120 would empower, resource and staff the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). The HECC would oversee state funding for Oregon's public universities, community colleges and need-based college scholarships. HB 3120 provides the mechanics for the overall HECC re-organization. One of the structural changes in HB 3120 would move Oregon's Community Colleges out from under the State Board of Education to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission with Oregon's other higher education institutions, a long overdue step forward for community colleges.

Additionally, this bill creates Achievement Compact Advisory Committees, ensuring that faculty and staff has a voice in the creation of the Compacts at their institutions.

We hope you vote yes on HB 3120-A.

From the desk of Rep. Chris Gorsak

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Gorsak', written over a circular stamp or mark.