

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed and Request Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Richard Donovan, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/14, 3/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Oregon Student Access Commission to award at least 25 percent of Oregon Opportunity Grant moneys awarded to qualified students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Goal of starting a dialogue regarding policy decision to incentivize certain student majors
- Need based (input-oriented) scholarship approach vs. programmatic (output-based) scholarship approach
- Current need in state for STEM-type workers; anticipated increase in need going forward
- Current process for awarding Opportunity Grant funds; ~\$100M managed with 1.5 Full Time Employee (FTE) resources, due largely to ability to rely on Federal student aid application process.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes percentage in the bill from 50 percent to 25 percent.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Student Access Commission awards grants and scholarships of more than \$118 million annually to Oregon students to pursue post-secondary education. The Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG) is Oregon's largest state-funded, need-based grant program for students pursuing post-secondary education. Opportunity Grants are funded primarily by Oregon taxpayers. In the 2011-2012 academic year, 28,896 students received OOG awards totaling approximately \$43.3 million. Individual awards for the 2012-2013 academic year are valued at up to \$1,950. This measure is in line with broader policy considerations regarding workplace preparedness and workforce development for current and anticipated future state workforce needs.