FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 219

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Measure Description:

Directs that Legislative Assembly appropriations for public universities and Oregon Health and Science University be made to Higher Education Coordinating Commission rather than to Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU)

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:

SB 219 stipulates that funding requests on behalf of Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), and public universities, as defined by ORS 352.002, that are approved by the Legislative Assembly must be appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for allocation to OHSU and the public universities. Additionally, the bill requires that official action by the HECC requires approval of a majority of the commission members.

The bill has a zero dollar net fiscal impact. The measure will change the flow of monies, which were previously appropriated to the Department of Administrative Services, to be appropriated to HECC for allocation to OHSU and public universities. This change in which agency receives the appropriation will not have an effect on the actual amount of money which will be appropriated. HB 5024, the budget bill for HECC, already assumes this change to the flow of appropriations. Finally, there is no fiscal impact anticipated as a result of requiring official action to have approval of a majority of the members of the HECC.

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