

**SB 932**

**Relating to cost of attending public universities**

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SB 932 would broaden eligibility requirements for certain state scholarships to students exempted from paying nonresident tuition. Currently, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is what is used to determine students' eligibility for the Oregon Opportunity Grants. However this bill would expand Oregon Opportunity Grant eligibility to many students who are not eligible to file, therefore a new website and application will need to be developed specifically for these students.

The total number of newly eligible students, under the provisions of this bill, is estimated at a maximum of 1,000 students per year which will represent a 1% increase in applications for the Oregon Opportunity Grants.

The amendment recommended by the Subcommittee appropriates \$43,499 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to support a limited-duration Information System Specialist position to create a website for these students to apply for financial aid which is separate from the application.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 932 be amended by the -A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.