

BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action:

Action Date:

Vote:

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Agency: Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Biennium: 2015-17

Budget Summary*

	2013-15 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2015-17 Current Service Level	2015-17 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2013-15 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,499	\$ 43,499	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	1	1
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.08

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through December 2014

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Revenue Summary

Senate Bill 932 includes a General Fund appropriation for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Summary of Education Subcommittee Action

Senate Bill 932 extends eligibility for receiving state financial aid, scholarships, and grants to specified students who qualify for the existing statutory exemption from paying nonresident tuition. Oregon Revised Statutes 351.641 exempts a student who is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident from paying nonresident tuition at state universities if the student:

- attended an Oregon elementary or secondary school for the three years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma, or before leaving school without receiving a diploma;
- attended a school in any U.S. state or territory during each of the five years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma or before leaving school without receiving a diploma;
- received a high school diploma from an Oregon school no more than three years prior to enrollment at a state university; and
- demonstrated intent to become a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States.

Students who meet this exemption from paying non-resident tuition, but are not citizens or permanent residents, may not currently be considered for state financial aid. Senate Bill 932 allows these students to receive state aid.

In addition, the bill removes the requirement that these students must enroll at a public university within three years of graduating high school. It also removes the existing limit on eligibility for the tuition exception of five years from initial enrollment in a public university.

The bill appropriates \$43,499 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and establishes one limited duration part-time Information System Specialist 7 (0.08 FTE) to implement the provisions of the bill. The commission will need to develop an application process separate from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), as these students are not eligible to file FAFSAs. It will also need to create an online financial aid application and to develop, test, and implement processes to import and convert applicant data for loading into the commission's financial aid management system.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

SB 932-B

Higher Education Coordinating Commission
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>									
SCR 041 OSAC Office Operations									
Personal Services	\$ 15,499	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,499	1	0.08
Services and Supplies (Instate Travel)	\$ 28,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,000		
TOTAL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 43,499	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,499	1	0.08