

**HB 5024**

**Higher Education Coordinating Commission**

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HB 5024 is the budget bill for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. The Commission is to coordinate the activities of post-secondary education. The budgets of the Community Colleges and Workforce Development, Public Universities, Oregon Health and Sciences University programs, and the Office of Student Access and Completion are included as part of the Commission's budget.

The Education Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$1.75 billion General Fund, \$62.4 million Lottery Funds, and \$2.193 billion Total Funds with 130 positions and 118.85 FTE.

Major features of this bill include:

- Funding of \$550 million General Fund for the Community College Support Fund, a 21% increase over Current Service Level, or CSL.
- Resources for the Public Universities Support Fund of \$665 million General Fund, almost a 30% increase over CSL.
- Almost \$141 million for the Oregon Opportunity Grant program representing an increase of over 20% from CSL.
- An additional \$14 million General Fund over CSL for the Extension Service, Experiment Station, and Forest Research Lab.
- Funding for the two Skills Centers in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.
- Additional funding for Information Technology systems, support staff and research staff to provide sufficient resources so HECC may operate as a stand-alone agency.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 5024 be amended by the -3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.