

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	2015-17 Current Service Level	2015-17 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2013-15 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	4	4
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	1.93	1.93

Revenue Summary

Senate Bill 81 includes a General Fund appropriation for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Summary of Education Subcommittee Action

Senate Bill 81 establishes the Oregon Promise tuition waiver program, to be administered by the Office of Student Access and Completion of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). A student is eligible for a grant for courses taken at an Oregon community college if the student meets criteria specified by the bill regarding enrollment in a degree or certificate program, prior educational attainment, Oregon residency, minimum grade point average, continued academic progress, and acceptance of all available federal and state aid. The grant amount will be calculated for each term after subtracting \$50 to be paid by the student and the value of any federal and aid grants the student receives. The grant must be at least \$1,000 or the actual cost of tuition, and no more than the statewide average community college tuition or student’s cost of tuition. The grant will be prorated for any student attending part-time. HECC may determine whether student fees should be factored into the actual or average cost of tuition. The commission is authorized to adopt rules for implementation of the program, including application procedures, eligibility and priority determination, policies to improve academic success and completion, eligibility and grant amounts for dual enrollment, and program evaluation.

The total amount of awards is limited to \$10.0 million per fiscal year. If funding is not available to provide grants to all students, HECC is authorized to establish the priority by which grants are awarded, which may include preferences for districts and high schools that meet criteria specified by HECC. The commission is required to submit a report summarizing the impact of the program to a legislative committee no later than December 31 of each even-numbered year.

The bill includes \$10,000,000 General Fund and four part-time positions (1.93 FTE). Positions include a permanent Operations and Policy Analyst 4 (0.72 FTE in 2015-17, 0.75 FTE in 2017-19), a permanent Accountant 2 (0.06 FTE in 2015-17 and 0.25 FTE in 2017-19), a permanent Research Analyst 3 (0.69 FTE in 2015-17 and 0.75 FTE in 2017-19), and a limited duration Information Systems Specialist 7 (0.46 FTE in 2015-17).

The bill directs HECC to begin awarding grants in the 2016-17 academic year. After administrative expenses, HECC will award approximately \$9.6 million in 2016-17.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

SB 81-B

Higher Education Coordinating Commission
 Bill McGee 503-378-2078

DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION									
SCR 041 OSAC Office Operations									
Personal Services	\$ 318,466	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 318,466	4	1.93
Services and Supplies	\$ 119,242	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119,242		
SCR 042 OSAC Other Programs									
Special Payments: Dist to Individuals	\$ 9,562,292	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,562,292		
TOTAL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	4	1.93