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HB 4076

Oregon Promise Student Success Initiative

- Adds a requirement for Oregon Promise students to complete a “first year experience” to remain eligible for tuition waiver.
 - First year experience will be designed and approved at the community college level
 - Community colleges will be responsible for notifying the HECC if a student did not complete this requirement
- Re-appropriates \$2,500,000 for targeted support services at Oregon Community Colleges to implement student success and completion program to support Oregon Promise recipients.
Funds were appropriated to the E-board in the 2015 session for this purpose – no new general fund money will be allocated
- The HECC will distribute money to community colleges. Community colleges will submit a request for funds to the HECC, and the request will be reviewed based on these components:
 - Demonstrated proof of the program increasing student success and completion
 - Inclusion of both faculty development and students supports

This language is intended to be a framework for targeted investments in student supports to increase completion at community colleges. Colleges can choose whether to apply for funding. In order to receive money, colleges will have to meet certain requirements that align with the transition from “Access” to “Access and Completion” and are demonstrated in programs such as AVID for Higher Education (AHE), a non-profit that drives student success.

The \$2,500,000 figure is based off of AHE costs if implemented at full capacity at 20 community college campuses (PCC counting as 4 individual campuses) for 4 years. While this bill does not require the use of AHE, AHE elements are the framework for this legislation because of their proven success in closing the achievement gap, increasing student completion, and complementing existing structures at higher education campuses. It is the intent of this legislation to have a relatively equitable distribution of the funds to the community colleges as proposals are brought to the HECC.