

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1540

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Measure Description:

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to conduct evaluation on providing tuition waiver for students at community colleges and public universities who are pursuing mathematics-related degrees.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Employment Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$68,177	
Total Funds	\$68,177	\$0
Positions	1	
FTE	0.25	

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The bill requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to conduct an evaluation on providing a tuition waiver for students at community colleges and public universities who are pursuing mathematics-related degrees. The evaluation would include the cost of establishing the tuition waiver, potential for job creation resulting from the tuition waiver, and feasibility of implementation of the waiver. A report of the findings of the evaluation is due to interim legislative committees on higher education no later than January 15, 2017.

HECC anticipates creating a work group consisting of public university, and Employment Department experts to assist with the tuition waiver evaluation. One temporary Operations and Policy Analyst 3 (.25 FTE) would be needed to organize the work group, compile data, and prepare a report to the legislature. This position is estimated to cost \$68,177 General Fund in the 2015-17 biennium.

Fiscal impacts, associated with providing staff and data to the workgroup, for the Employment Department and public universities are anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters. Fiscal impacts to Community Colleges, related to data reporting to the workgroup, are also anticipated to be minimal.