
MEMORANDUM

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To: Members of the Education Subcommittee

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Subject: HB 4076 Work Session Recommendations

Background Information

HB 4076-A includes the following relating to the Oregon Promise program and supports to community college students:

- Requires community colleges to provide support services for students receiving Oregon Promise grants. The support services must be provided at each campus to implement proven multiyear strategies that incorporate elements of student services and faculty and staff development to improve academic success or completion rates;
- Provides funding to community colleges to provide the support service;
- Requires students participating in the Oregon Promise program to complete approved first-year experience to maintain grant eligibility;
- Clarifies that students graduating from private schools are eligible for Oregon Promise grants; and
- Aligns grade point average requirements for the Oregon Promise program with federal financial aid requirements.

Each community college to report on the related expenditures funded in this bill to the Higher Education Coordination Commission (HECC) no later than Nov. 31, 2016. HECC is then required to report to appropriate legislative committee no later than Dec. 31, 2016. The proposed amendment requires similar reports in the spring of 2017.

Recommended Changes to the Bill:

Attached is the -A4 amendment for HB 4076 which does the following:

1. Deletes section using the special purpose appropriation to fund bill. This is done in SB 5701.
2. Provides some clarifying language for the first year of the Oregon Promise program for the timelines for application. (lines 3 to 12 of amendment)
3. Insures that HECC has the authority to send the funds in the bill to Community Colleges as a grant. (line 13)
4. Deletes language which said that funds in the bill were to be distributed equitably among Community Colleges. "Equitably" is not the best way to describe how the

funds were to be distributed so the budget report will outline how funds will be distributed. (line 6). These funds will be distributed based on the number of major or primary campuses each college has which means each Community College will get one share of the funds, except that Portland will get four shares since they have four major campuses.

5. Clarifies that the requirements Community Colleges must meet to receive funds under the bill must all be met.
6. Adds another set of reports for HECC and Community Colleges to provide more timely information.
7. Adds appropriation which is \$1,659,800 General Fund to HECC to be distributed to Community Colleges.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends the –A4 amendment to the bill.

Sen. /Rep. _____ moves the –A4 amendment to HB 4076.

HB 4076 Final Subcommittee Action:

Final Motion:

Sen./Rep. _____ moves HB 4076 to the full committee as amended with a “do pass” recommendation.

Carriers:

Full: _____

Senate: _____

House: _____