

HB 4076

Relating to enabling students to be successful in the Oregon Promise program

On February 24th, the Education Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of HB 4076, with amendments.

HB 4076 makes several changes to the Oregon Promise program. These changes include requiring community colleges to provide support services for students receiving Oregon Promise grants, requiring students participating in the Oregon Promise program to complete approved first-year experience to maintain grant eligibility, aligning grade point average requirements for the program to federal financial aid standards, and instructing community colleges and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to report on how funds appropriated in this bill are spent for support services.

The bill also provides \$1.7 million General Fund for support services to students and for faculty and other staff development to implement proven strategies leading to better academic success and completion rates. The funding will be distributed evenly among the community colleges except that Portland Community College will receive a greater share given that it has four major campuses.

The Education Subcommittee recommends that HB 4076 be amended by the -A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.