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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Education Subcommittee

Re: SB 5524 Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Senator Monroe: "SB 5524 is the budget bill for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. The Commission is responsible for developing goals and maintaining accountability for the public post-secondary system, administering workforce programs, providing financial assistance to students, distributing general support and specific funding to public universities and community colleges, and managing debt service for post-secondary institutions.

The Education Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$1.9 billion General Fund, \$96.6 million Lottery Funds, and \$2.4 billion total funds for HECC. Major features of this bill include:

- The Public University Support Fund is increased by \$43.6 million General Fund to \$736.9 million or almost 6.3% over the Current Service Level or CSL.
- The Community College Support Fund is increased by \$6.4 million General Fund to \$570.3 million or almost 1.1% over the CSL.
- Funding for the Oregon Opportunity Grant is maintained at the CSL level of \$146.1 total funds.
- The Oregon Promise program in this bill is funded at just under \$35 million General Fund. Another \$5.3 million is proposed for the end of session bill bringing the total available to \$40 million. This will require some policy changes which are to be included in SB 1032.
- \$24 million Lottery Funds are added to the Extension Service for the first two years of a state funded Outdoor School program.

- The Statewide programs of the public universities received \$3 million General Funds over the amount assumed in the Co-Chairs' budget framework.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 5524 be amended by the –3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”