

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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**Measure: SB 1032 - B**

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**Measure Description:**

Amends Oregon Promise program to remove prohibition on awarding more than \$10 million in grants per fiscal year.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

**Analysis:**

The bill removes \$10 million cap on Oregon Promise Program grants per fiscal year and reduces the amount a person receives by \$50 for each term the person receives the grant. Students who were unable to meet the timeline for enrollment in the Oregon Promise Program because they were either officers in an agricultural student organization approved by the Department of Education or experienced a significant hardship, are allowed to maintain their eligibility for the program. Oregon National Guard members who have completed initial active duty training are exempted from requirement to enroll in community college courses within six months of attaining previous highest levels of education in order to qualify for Oregon Promise grant. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) is provided flexibility to limit eligibility based on Earned Family Contribution after HECC determines that there are insufficient funds to cover prospective participation in the program. HECC could limit the number of participants by setting a maximum limit based on Earned Family Contribution.

The fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminate, because it is unknown how many new applicants the program changes will generate, however it is not anticipated to significantly impact the existing cost of the program. HECC has been provided authority to limit the amount of resources invested in the program, which should provide parameters for fiscal control.