

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5024

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

HB 5024 is the budget bill for 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, OHSU and community colleges, and managing debt service for post-secondary institutions.

The Education Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$2.2 billion General Fund, \$139.6 million Lottery Funds, and \$2.8 billion total funds for HECC. Major features of this bill include:

- The Public University Support Fund is increased by almost \$60 million General Fund to \$836.9 million, or 7.7%, over the Current Service Level (also known as CSL). This is \$100 million over the 2017-19 amount.
- The Community College Support Fund is increased by \$50 million General Fund to \$641 million, or 8.4%, over the CSL. This is \$71 million more than the 2017-19 amount.
- Funding for the Oregon Opportunity Grant is increased by \$12.5 total funds, or 8.2%, over CSL.
- The Oregon Promise program in this bill is funded at \$40 million General Fund, or just \$1.5 million under CSL.
- \$45.3 million Lottery Funds is allocated to fully fund the Outdoor School program after factoring in the use of the program's projected ending balance from 2017-19.

- The OSU Statewide public services programs receive funding to cover the university's estimate of inflationary costs to maintain existing personnel and programs.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 5024 be amended by the -5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.