

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

80th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2019 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: HB 3015

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official*

Prepared by: Tim Walker
Reviewed by: Doug Wilson, Amanda Beitel
Date: 03/28/2019

Measure Description:

Permits former adopted foster children to have amount of tuition and all fees waived if attending defined institutions of higher education for purposes of pursuing initial undergraduate degree.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Community Colleges, Public Universities

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis: This measure will provide tuition waivers to current and former foster youths who were adopted on or after 1/1/2012.

HECC and post-secondary institutions estimate the group of youths affected by the bill could be as many as 4,555 and if all eligible youths took advantage of the program, the fiscal impact could be substantial. The bill applies to all community colleges, public universities, and the Oregon Health and Science University. Public Universities would likely see a larger impact since community colleges view this as a “last dollar” program and most eligible youth attending community colleges are already receiving financial aid in other forms. As the actual number of youth participating in the program is unknown, the actual fiscal impact is indeterminate.