

# SB 234 Workgroup Update

Senate Education Committee

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# Senate Bill 234

## Overview

- HECC to convene workgroup to study and develop recommendations related to:
  - Coordinated, statewide approach to best serve adults in custody who are recently eligible to receive student grants under a federal grant.
- Workgroup to report regarding results and recommendations of the study to legislature in December.

# Federal Pell Grants for Adults in Custody (AICs):

1965

- Congress Enacts Title IV of Higher Education Act (HEA)

1992

- HEA Amended to Prohibit AICs Serving Life & Death Sentences

1994

- Violent Crimes & Law Enforcement Act Passed

2015

- Experimental Sites Initiative – Second Chance Pell Program Created

2020

- Expansion Early in Year & Ban Lifted later in Year

2023

- Full implementation of 2020 Legislative Change

# SB 234 Workgroup

## Timeline

July & August

SB 234 signed. HECC Staff develop work plan and identify workgroup members

September

First Workgroup Meeting: Charge, Guiding Goals and Report Framing

October & November

Research, Discussion, Affinity Group Engagement and Report Drafting

December

Report and Recommendation Finalization

# SB 234 Workgroup Membership

Representing	Name
Community Colleges	<i>Holley Nelson, Chemeketa</i>
Universities	<i>Deb Arthur, Portland State</i>
Student - OPU	<i>Robert Northman, Portland State</i>
Faculty – CC	Ellen Nunez, Portland Community College
Faculty - OPU	Shaul Cohen, University of Oregon
Prison Education Advocate	Debra Arthur, Oregon Coalition of Higher Education in Prison
Adult in Custody	Jamie Henderson and Sarah Martin
Adult Formerly in Custody	Joshua Cain
Dept of Corrections	Nathaline Frener
Community Corrections	Eric Guyer
System-wide Knowledge	Jeremy Yrugen,
Social Justice Advocate	Tomas Sepulveda
HECC Commissioner	Greg Hamann
DEI	Jeff Kenney

# SB 234: Guiding Goals and Report Framing

Programs, Curriculum, and  
Pathway Options

Technology

Policy and Practice

## Goal/Purpose:

- Make 2nd Chance Pell an effective educational resource for AICs by establishing market-driven state-wide programs of study that can be delivered in person, remotely, and online by all postsecondary institutions and at all Corrections facilities, universally transferable between facilities and institutions so that educational progress (SAP) and program completion is universally achievable

# Areas of Focus

## Programs, Curriculum, and Pathway Options

- Degree Pathways
- Stackable CTE Certs and Degrees
- Apprenticeship

## Technology

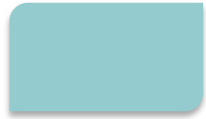
- Resources
- Capacity
- Course Delivery Module

## Policy and Practice

- Internet Access
- AIC Student Supports
- Education and Work – Same Priority for AICs

# Emerging Recommendation Areas

## Still under refinement and consideration:



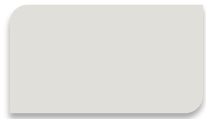
Supports Needed for AICs



Program and Provider Selection



Continued Areas of Collaboration and Coordination



Infrastructure Needs and Support



Possible Legislative Action



# SB234 Next Steps

- Members continued to provide information until Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Final Report Draft Presentation to HECC Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>
- Report is submitted as required by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

## Questions?

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