

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 10: Higher Education Coordinating Commission Oregon Tribal Student Grant Program

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative McLain

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$19 million General Fund from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the implementation of the Oregon Tribal Student Grant program.

The 2022 Legislature approved a \$19 million special purpose appropriation to the Emergency Board for allocation to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to implement the Oregon Tribal Student Grant program to provide grants to eligible Oregon tribal students to offset the cost of attending eligible Oregon colleges and universities.

Since the 2022 session, the HECC Office of Student Access and Completion (or OSAC) has been working with tribal stakeholders to develop and implement this new scholarship grant program in time for the 2022-23 academic school year. Temporary administrative rules were approved by the Commission on April 14, 2022. OSAC has established an application process and is accepting applications online for the upcoming 2022-23 academic year. OSAC is also working with tribal, high school, college, and community partners to raise public awareness and promote student outreach efforts.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.