

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 5: Higher Education Coordinating Commission Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance**

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To:	Emergency Board Full Committee
From:	Education Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Taylor

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The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$800,000 General Fund from the Emergency Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for additional assistance for students eligible for the Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program.

Due to deactivation of Oregon National Guard members, legislative expansion of the Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program, and issues with federal benefits, the Commission projects an increase in applications and award amounts that would outpace the \$4.2 million currently budgeted for the 2021-23 biennium. This additional \$800,000 would allow the Commission to fully fund awards to current members of the Oregon National Guard attending Oregon public universities and community colleges without reducing award amounts.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.