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Co-Chair, Senator Lew Frederick  
Co-Chair, Representative Susan McLain  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Education

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and McLain,

Thank you for the opportunity to answer questions that arose during the **April 28, 2021** Higher Education Coordinating Commission's presentation to the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education.

On slide 244, Representative Reschke asked whether we had four-year and five-year bachelor's degree graduation rates, to accompany the standard six-year rates. The attached slides in appendix A show these rates for both Oregon resident and nonresident undergraduates. As with the six-year rates shown in slide 244, four-year and five-year graduation rates have risen over the past decade. Among Oregon residents, the percentage of first-time, full-time freshmen earning a bachelor's degree within four years rose from 35.3% to 47.6%, and the percentage earning a bachelor's degree within five years rose from 54.0% to 62.6%. These rates rose even more steeply than the six-year graduation rates shown in slide 244 and indicate that most students are taking less time to complete their bachelor's degrees. Indeed, among all bachelor's degree earners who began as freshmen, the time to graduation has fallen about one-half year over this period, from 4.2 years to 3.7 years, on average.

In regards to slide 284, Representative McLain asked for the full Agency Request Budget capital construction list. Appendix B includes more information about HECC's capital projects request list for the 2021-23 biennium. Those within the Governor's Recommended Budget are noted. While the majority are renovation projects, new construction projects are highlighted on the request list.

#### **Errors:**

On slide 213, detailing tuition and fee totals at each of Oregon's 17 community colleges, Klamath Community College was listed as having a tuition and fee rate in 2020-2021 of \$6,481. This number double counts KCC fees. The correct amount is \$5,603.

On Slide 279, we detailed that \$1.25B in Article XI-G, Article XI-Q, and lottery revenue bonds has been invested by the state during the period of 2009-2021 in public university capital construction projects. With a recent 2021 bond sale, this investment now totals \$1.53B.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kyle Thomas, Director of Legislative and Policy Affairs, at [kyle.thomas@state.or.us](mailto:kyle.thomas@state.or.us) or at 503-480-9596.

Sincerely,

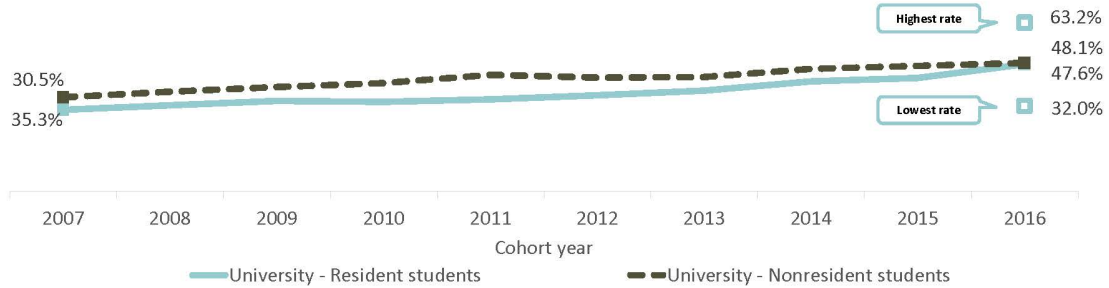
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## Appendix A: Four and Five Year Graduation Rates

### Four-year Graduation Rates Have Risen at Oregon Public Universities

At public universities, the percentage of Oregon resident, first-time, full-time freshmen who earn a bachelor's degree within four years rose from 35.3% to 47.6% in the last decade

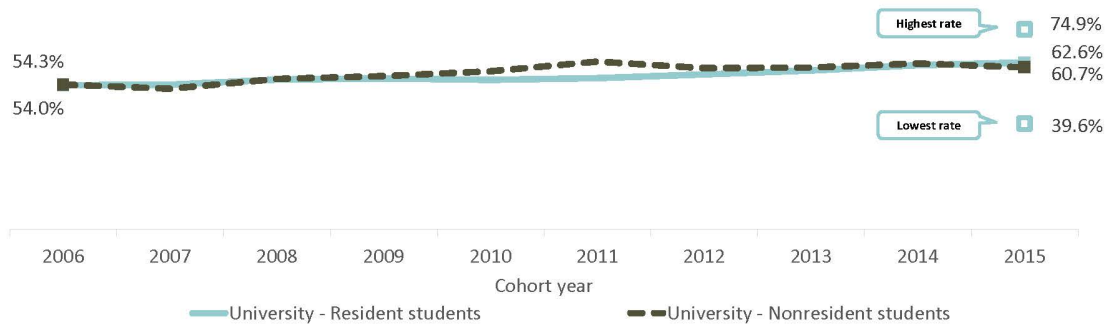


1 Source: HECC analysis of student-level records from public universities. University rates include resident and non-resident, first-time, full-time freshmen and include inter-institutional graduations. Highest and lowest rates for 2020 reflect the highest and lowest rates by institution for Oregon resident students.



### Five-year Graduation Rates Have Risen at Oregon Public Universities

At public universities, the percentage of Oregon resident, first-time, full-time freshmen who earn a bachelor's degree within five years rose from 54.0% to 62.6% in the last decade



2 Source: HECC analysis of student-level records from public universities. University rates include resident and non-resident, first-time, full-time freshmen and include inter-institutional graduations. Highest and lowest rates for 2020 reflect the highest and lowest rates by institution for Oregon resident students.



## Appendix B: 2021-23 Postsecondary Capital Projects (new construction highlighted)

Universities	Rank (points)	Project	XI-Q	XI-G	XI-F (Self Funded)	Institutional Matching	Total Project Cost	% Match	Deferred Maintenance Eliminated	% DM	GRB
WOU*	91	Student Success Center	21,340,000	-	-	660,000	22,000,000	3%	1,200,000	5%	
OSU-CC*	84	Student Success Center	8,800,000	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	18,800,000	27%	-	0%	X
SOU**	N/A	Cascade Hall Demolition	-	-	-	3,500,000	3,500,000	100%	12,000,000	343%	
All	N/A	Capital Improvement and Renewal	80,000,000	-	-	-	80,000,000	0%	-	0%	X
PSU	99	The Gateway Center Reuse and Extension	45,000,000	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	55,000,000	9%	32,000,000	58%	X
OSU	98	Cordley Hall Renovation Phase II	61,000,000	25,000,000	-	57,000,000	143,000,000	40%	80,000,000	56%	X
EOU	95	Inlow Hall Renovation Phase II	17,700,200	564,900	-	564,900	18,830,000	3%	9,350,000	50%	X
UO	94	Heritage Renovation Project	52,650,000	5,850,000	-	5,850,000	64,350,000	9%	15,750,000	24%	X
EOU	90	Loso Hall Renovation Phase II	27,006,000	862,000	-	862,000	28,730,000	3%	4,700,000	16%	
SOU	89	Music Hall Renovation	13,650,000	-	-	450,000	14,100,000	3%	4,690,000	33%	
WOU	87	Health Sciences Remodel	49,500,000	742,500	-	742,500	50,985,000	1%	1,350,000	3%	
SOU	84	Britt Hall - Phase 2 Deferred Maintenance	4,700,000	-	-	50,000	4,750,000	1%	7,190,000	151%	
WOU	80	New P.E. Remodel	19,400,000	300,000	-	300,000	20,000,000	2%	1,600,000	8%	
OSU	76	Collaborative Innovation Complex	-	50,000,000	-	50,000,000	100,000,000	50%	54,000,000	54%	
OIT	73	Learning Resource Center Rehabilitation	19,035,000	607,500	-	607,500	20,250,000	3%	2,000,000	10%	
OSU	35	Phase 2 Remediation & Campus Infra.	15,830,000	835,000	-	835,000	17,500,000	5%	-	0%	
OIT	22	Campus Infrastructure	18,000,000	-	-	-	18,000,000	0%	18,000,000	100%	
		<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>453,611,200</b>	<b>94,761,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>131,421,900</b>	<b>679,795,000</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>243,830,000</b>	<b>36%</b>	
OIT	N/A	New Residence Hall Facility	-	-	55,000,000	-	55,000,000	0%	-	-	
OSU	N/A	Reser Stadium West Grandstands	-	-	40,000,000	113,000,000	153,000,000	74%	70,000,000	46%	
PSU	N/A	Gateway Center	-	-	18,000,000	-	18,000,000	0%	see above	N/A	
		<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,000,000</b>	<b>113,000,000</b>	<b>226,000,000</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>70,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	
Community Colleges	Rank	Project	XI-Q	XI-G	XI-F (Self Funded)	Institutional Funds	Total Project Cost	% Match	Deferred Maintenance Eliminated	% DM	GRB
Tillamook Bay	1	New CTE Building, Renovations	-	8,000,000	-	14,600,000	22,600,000	65%	-	0%	X
Rogue	2	Transportation Technology Complex	-	7,000,000	-	7,700,000	14,700,000	52%	-	0%	X
Linn Benton	3	Agricultural Center	-	8,000,000	-	8,000,000	16,000,000	50%	-	0%	X
Chemeketa	4	Bldg 7 Remodel	-	8,000,000	-	8,000,000	16,000,000	50%	11,500,000	72%	X
Klamath	5	Childcare Learning Complex	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	3,000,000	50%	-	0%	X
		<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,500,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,800,000</b>	<b>72,300,000</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>11,500,000</b>	<b>16%</b>	
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>453,611,200</b>	<b>127,261,900</b>	<b>113,000,000</b>	<b>284,221,900</b>	<b>978,095,000</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>325,330,000</b>	<b>33%</b>	
		GRB Total	265,150,200	73,914,900	-	113,214,900	452,280,000	25%	148,600,000	33%	

**NOTES:**

GRB intent is to fund OSU Cascades Student Success Center.  
 \* Holdover project from 2019-21 biennium not included in ARB.  
 \*\* Holdover project and ineligible for bonding.