

**SB 553 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Higher Education Coordinating Commission  
2021-23**

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**Budget Summary\***

	2019-21	2021 - 23	2021-23	Committee Change from 2019-21	
	Legislatively Approved Budget <sup>(1)</sup>	Current Service Level	Committee Recommendation	Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,071,544	\$ 1,071,544	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,071,544	\$ 1,071,544	100.0%

**Position Summary**

Authorized Positions	0	0	0	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes adjustments through January 2021

\* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

**Summary of Revenue Changes**

Senate Bill 553 appropriates \$1,071,544 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to provide funding to universities for students who are refugees and who hold a special immigrant visa, or Compact of Free Association (COFA) students who are receiving an exemption from nonresident tuition at public universities.

**Summary of Education Subcommittee Action**

COFA students are individuals subject to a treaty between the Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Federated States of Micronesia. Students with refugee status must have been granted refugee status for admission to the United States by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. A special immigrant visa holder student is defined as an individual from Iraq or Afghanistan who have been provided with the status of special immigrant by the United States Department of Homeland Security, under certain provisions of law.

SB 553 provides the students described above with an exemption from nonresident tuition at public universities, who have not previously established residence in any state or territory of the United States, other than Oregon, and who are eligible to receive state and university scholarships and other financial aid. The bill appropriates \$1,071,544 to HECC to provide funding to the universities for the exemption given to COFA students to qualify for instate tuition rates.

The bill also requires HECC to allocate an amount to Eastern Oregon University (EOU), equal to the difference between resident tuition and fees, and nonresident tuition and fees for each COFA islander who is enrolled at EOU, and this allocation is required to be in lieu of money HECC would otherwise allocated to EOU for the same student under the public university support fund distribution formula.

**DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION**

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS (from CSL)</u>									
<b>SCR 52500 -209 - Public University Operations and Student Support</b>									
Special Payments to Universities (6048)	\$ 1,071,544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,071,544		
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,071,544</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,071,544</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>\$ 1,071,544</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,071,544</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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