House Bill 2907

Sponsored by Representative REARDON, Senator GORSEK; Representative WILDE (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for Community College Support Fund for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development for purpose of addressing inequities in educational attainment among systemically marginalized communities and to support innovation and best practices.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to state financial administration; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas community colleges are the only sector of public post-secondary education that serves any student regardless of education and skill level; and

Whereas community colleges are essential education and service providers for the very communities hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic and the recession that followed; and

Whereas community colleges serve the largest number of underrepresented and first-generation students of any sector of Oregon post-secondary education; and

Whereas community colleges are critical providers of career and technical education, workforce training and short-term certificates; and

Whereas community colleges serve as a bridge between high schools and a four-year degree; and

Whereas community colleges provide General Educational Development (GED) programs and are major partners in offering college-level course to high school students; and

Whereas cuts to the Community College Support Fund have a direct impact on students by forcing colleges to cut programs, raise tuition or implement some combination of both; and

Whereas community colleges educate and train the skilled workforce that local businesses and job seekers need to thrive; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of $702 million for deposit into the Community College Support Fund established under ORS 341.620 for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of $35 million for the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development for the purpose of addressing inequities in educational attainment among systemically marginalized communities and to support innovation and best practices.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

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peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect July 1, 2021.