

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 4155 - 1**

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**Measure Description:**

Modifies composition and duties, powers and functions of Oregon Cybersecurity Advisory Council as the governing body of Oregon Cybersecurity Center of Excellence.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Public Universities, Community Colleges, Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

|                                     | <b>2021-23 Biennium</b> | <b>2023-25 Biennium</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>                 |                         |                         |
| Center of Excellence Operating Fund | 2,222,208               | 4,379,967               |
| Workforce Development Fund          | 2,698,088               | 6,607,091               |
| Grant Program Fund                  | 1,500,000               | 3,000,000               |
| Public Awareness Fund               | 160,000                 | 320,000                 |
| <b>Total General Fund</b>           | <b>\$6,580,296</b>      | <b>\$14,307,058</b>     |

**Analysis:** The measure establishes the Oregon Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, the Oregon Cybersecurity Center of Excellence Operating Fund, the Oregon Cybersecurity Workforce Development Fund, the Oregon Cybersecurity Grant Program Fund, and the Oregon Cybersecurity Public Awareness Fund. The measure appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to be deposited into these four funds.

The Oregon Cybersecurity Center of Excellence will be established at Portland State University and operated under the joint direction and control of three founding universities - Portland State University (PSU), Oregon State University (OSU), and the University of Oregon (UofO). In addition, the universities are directed to establish the Oregon Cybersecurity Advisory Council to serve as an advisory council for the Center of Excellence.

The Center of Excellence is established to coordinate, fund, and provide education, awareness and training for public, private, and non-profit sectors. The Oregon Cybersecurity Center of Excellence Operating Fund is established to fund the operations of the Center of Excellence. The three founding universities estimates the startup operating costs of the Center to be \$2,222,208 General Fund. This amount includes funding for Center staff.

The Cybersecurity Workforce Development Fund provides grants to Oregon public bodies for workforce development, education and training programs. The three founding universities estimates startup costs for workforce development efforts to be \$2,698,088 General Fund. This amount includes funding for faculty positions, student stipends, instruction materials, certification scholarships, and funds for the development of cybercrime certificates.

The Oregon Cybersecurity Public Awareness Fund is established for the purposes of raising awareness about the importance of cybersecurity. The three founding universities estimates startup costs for part-time staff and public relations efforts to be \$160,000 General Fund.

The Oregon Cybersecurity Grant Program fund is established to provide assessment monitoring, incident response, and competitive grants to government bodies for cybersecurity-related goods and services. A startup amount of \$1.5 million is requested to use as matching funds for federal grants. Moneys appropriated to the Cybersecurity Grant Program Fund will generally be distributed to public bodies following the submission of grant applications competitively evaluated by the Center through a process outlined in rules. Some moneys in this Fund may also be used as state matching funds for federal moneys related to cybersecurity grants applied for and received by public bodies. In some cases, applications to these federal grant programs may be submitted by the Center directly, or on behalf of another public body. In other cases, the state Chief Information Officer, the State Administrative Agency designated by the federal agency administering the grant program, or another state official (designee) may be responsible for applying for various cybersecurity related federal grants on behalf of the state, the Center or another public body. The specific requirements of each federal grant program will govern the specific approach taken to meet grant application, funds distribution, management and reporting requirements.