

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 12: Higher Education Coordinating Commission Technical and Regional Universities Financial Sustainability**

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To:           Emergency Board  
From:        Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier:     Representative Evans

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The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$18.7 million General Fund from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to award grants to support the long-term financial sustainability of Portland State University and Oregon’s four technical regional universities, which include the Oregon Institute of Technology and Southern, Eastern, and Western Oregon Universities.

As directed by a budget note, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission has worked with consultants, convened a workgroup with representatives of these institutions, and produced a report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during the 2024 legislative session with recommendations for allocation of the \$18.7 million. In addition, the Commission has met with legislative and institutional leaders to refine the grant process to align with the intent of this investment to generate cost savings, grow revenue, and support collaborative efforts to help improve institutional budgets over the long-term. The Commission has established a grant timeline and a funding ceiling of up to \$2.3 million for each technical and regional university and up to \$7 million for PSU, for a total of \$16.2 million. The remaining \$2.5 million will be reserved for collaborative projects. The funding is anticipated to be granted on a rolling basis beginning in June 2024.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.