

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 13: Higher Education Coordinating Commission Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance

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

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$150,000 General Fund from the Emergency Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for additional assistance to students participating in the Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program.

The Commission projects an increase in applications and award amounts that would outpace the \$5 million currently budgeted for the 2023-25 biennium. The additional \$150,000 would allow the Commission to fully fund awards to current members of the Oregon National Guard attending Oregon public universities and community colleges through the Summer 2024 term without reducing award amounts.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.