

HB 3120 -5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish grant program for purposes of supporting organizations that expand scope and community reach of college access and success programs. Limits eligibility to section 501(c) nonprofits, community-based organizations, and public institutions of higher education. Requires HECC to consider organization's demonstrated history of providing successful programs and of serving historically underrepresented populations. Permits HECC to adopt rules necessary for administration of program. Appropriates \$5,000,000 General Fund for purpose of administering grant program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of amendment
- Continuation of House Bill 5006 (2021) one-time funding

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-5 Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 5006 (2021), Section 158, included a \$5 million appropriation to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for programs assisting access to post-secondary education opportunities. The budget report for the bill notes that the appropriation was intended for distribution in amounts of \$1 million to five programs or organizations: Access to Student Assistance Programs in Reach of Everyone (ASPIRE), College Possible, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), BUILD EXITO at Portland State University, and the Oregon TRIO Association.

House Bill 3120 A requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish a grant program for organizations that expand the scope and community reach of college access and success programs, and appropriates \$5,000,000 from the General Fund for purposes of administering the program.