

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Higher Education Coordinating Commission Building Pathways to Infrastructure jobs**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Education Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Frederick

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On Thursday, June 1st, the Education Subcommittee recommended approval of a submission of a federal grant application from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to the Department of Labor, Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs Grant Program in the amount of \$5 million to supplement statewide training programs that prepare participants for quality jobs in the surface transportation infrastructure sector, including jobs that are critical to transitioning Oregon's surface transportation to renewable energy. This grant opportunity is intended to develop the skilled workforce needed for projects funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

If awarded, HECC will work with the State's Local Workforce Development Boards, Portland General Electric (PGE) and its Clean Energy Coalition to invest in partnerships to design quality training and work-based learning opportunities to build equitable pathways to renewable energy and transportation infrastructure sectors jobs necessary to support state projects funded by Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

A 15% match is required from public-private partnerships. HECC will meet the match requirement with a combination of existing general fund dollars along with in-kind and monetary contributions from public and private partnerships. HECC will not require additional staffing to administer the grant.

The Education Subcommittee recommends approval.