

Enrolled
Senate Bill 5525

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the financial administration of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. There are appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, for the following purposes:

- (1) Higher Education Coordinating Commission programs and operations \$ 96,610,434
- (2) Public university operations and student support for distribution to public universities..... \$ 1,068,825,130
- (3) Community College Support Fund for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts..... \$ 858,973,475
- (4) Oregon Opportunity Grant ... \$ 231,671,200
- (5) Oregon Promise grants..... \$ 47,286,508
- (6) Oregon Tribal Student Grant..... \$ 26,027,051
- (7) Oregon National Guard tuition assistance..... \$ 5,521,477
- (8) Oregon Health and Science University education and other programs \$ 146,477,563
- (9) Public university statewide programs..... \$ 61,481,902
- (10) Statewide public services..... \$ 196,559,462
- (11) Debt service and related costs:

- (a) Debt service on outstanding general obligation bonds sold for the benefit of Oregon public universities..... \$ 311,924,293
- (b) Debt service on outstanding general obligation bonds sold for the benefit of Oregon community colleges..... \$ 49,620,182
- (c) Debt service on outstanding general obligation bonds sold for the benefit of Oregon Health and Science University \$ 23,571,125
- (d) Debt service on outstanding general obligation bonds sold for implementing the Financial Assistance Management Information Systems project \$ 3,159,856
- (e) Repayment of energy loans made to Oregon public universities by State Department of Energy..... \$ 13,206,623
- (f) Debt-related costs on bonds sold for the benefit of Oregon public universities.... \$ 1,405,310
- (g) Debt-related costs on bonds sold for the benefit of Oregon community colleges..... \$ 194,370

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$35,479,189 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for debt service on lottery bonds sold for the benefit of Oregon public universities.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$11,683,799 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for debt service on lottery bonds sold for the benefit of Oregon community colleges.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$48,060,583 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to the Outdoor School Education Fund.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$18,852,926 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from lottery moneys allocated to the Sports Lottery Account.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$94,000,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys distributed from the Education Stability Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for Oregon Opportunity Grants.

SECTION 7. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$11,090,554, to award grants to Portland State University and Oregon's technical regional universities (Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University, Eastern Oregon University and Western Oregon University) to assist these institutions with long-term financial sustainability and for the commission to support direct admissions work in collaboration with the universities.

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limits for payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds and funds described in sections 12 to 16 of this 2025 Act, collected or received by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the following purposes:

- (1) Higher Education Coordinating Commission programs and related grants \$ 106,412,317
- (2) Debt service on outstanding lottery bonds and general obligation bonds sold for the benefit of Oregon public universities \$ 3,803,366

SECTION 9. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$5,438,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and transferred to the commission for carrying out the provisions of ORS 660.380 and 660.385.

SECTION 10. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$71,562,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and transferred to the commission for carrying out the provisions of ORS 660.400 and 660.405.

SECTION 11. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$145,801,717 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from federal funds, excluding federal funds described in section 14 of this 2025 Act, collected or received by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for Higher Education Coordinating Commission programs and related grants.

SECTION 12. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$105,333 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from the moneys received from the Western Oregon Timber Severance Tax Fund and the Eastern Oregon Timber Severance Tax Fund for the Community College Support Fund.

SECTION 13. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, expenditures by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for debt service on general obligation bonds issued for the benefit of public universities and Oregon Health and Science University and paid with resources received from the public universities and Oregon Health and Science University are not limited.

SECTION 14. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, expenditures by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for payments to individuals, organizations or units of government from federal National Emergency Grants funds are not limited.

SECTION 15. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, expenditures by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for debt service on Build America Bonds sold for the benefit of public universities and community colleges are not limited.

SECTION 16. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, expenditures by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission of moneys from the Tuition Protection Fund are not limited.

SECTION 17. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect July 1, 2025.

Passed by Senate June 16, 2025

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