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Measure Description:

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish Oregon work study pilot program to assist postsecondary students.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Public Universities, Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000
Total Funds	\$500,000	\$500,000
Positions		
FTE		

Analysis: This bill directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to establish a work study pilot program to assist post-secondary students and directs HECC to study food insecurity and post-secondary students' access to basic necessities. The bill appropriates \$450,000 General Fund to HECC to establish the work study pilot program and \$50,000 General Fund to conduct the study.

The work study program will cover 100 students at Oregon State University (OSU) and 50 students at Western Oregon University (WOU) in the 2020-21 academic year. The work study grant will be \$3,000 per student per academic year. The State of Oregon does not have a work study program and HECC will have to establish rules and procedures for the pilot program. HECC will use the \$50,000 appropriated to cover additional staff time to conduct the study on food insecurity and basic needs for students. This study is to determine the number of students eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the impacts on financial aid and matriculation rates of these students, and review other models for assisting low-income students access to the basic necessities. HECC does not anticipate hiring more staff for the study and may contract the work out to OSU or WOU.