House Bill 2642

Sponsored by Representative REARDON, Senators DEMBROW, OLSEN; Representatives ALONSO LEON, BOLES, BYNUM, DOHERTY, EVANS, GOMBERG, GORSEK, LEIF, MEEK, NOSSE, PILUSO, SALINAS, SPRENGER, WILSON, Senators HANSELL, HASS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts for various purposes.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to state financial administration.

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3 Whereas community colleges are critical providers of career and technical education, workforce

4 training and short-term certificates; and

5 Whereas community colleges serve as a bridge between high schools and a four-year degree; and

6 Whereas community colleges provide GED programs and are major partners in offering 7 college-level courses to high school students; and

i concectever courses to high school students, and

8 Whereas community colleges serve the most underrepresented and first-generation students of 9 any sector of Oregon post-secondary education; and

Whereas declining state support of community colleges has resulted in cuts to services to students even as they shoulder more of the cost burden through higher tuition; and

12 Whereas community colleges educate and train the skilled workforce that local businesses and 13 job seekers need to thrive; now, therefore,

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

15 <u>SECTION 1.</u> There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for 16 the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$647 million for 17 deposit into the Community College Support Fund established under ORS 341.620 for distrib-18 ution to community colleges and community college service districts.

19 <u>SECTION 2.</u> There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for 20 the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$70 million for 21 distribution to community colleges and community college service districts for expenditures 22 intended to increase the number of graduates from post-secondary career and technical ed-23 ucation programs.

24 <u>SECTION 3.</u> There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for 25 the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$70 million for 26 distribution to community colleges and community college service districts for expenditures 27 related to:

28 (1) Programs related to student success; and

29 (2) Programs related to retention of first-generation college students and students from

30 underrepresented minority populations.

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