HB 2907   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates:	4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates $702 million to Higher Education Coordinating Commission from the General Fund for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts for biennium beginning July 1, 2021. Appropriates $35 million to Higher Education Coordinating Commission from the General Fund for the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to address inequities in educational attainment among systematically marginalized communities for biennium beginning July 1, 2021. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

REVENUE: *May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

FISCAL: *May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's 17 community colleges are funded through a combination of tuition revenue, state funding via the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's (HECC) Community College Support Fund (CCSF), and local property tax revenue collected via community college service districts. Moneys from the CCSF are distributed according to an equitable distribution formula that accounts for full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment and amount of local property taxes collected in each community college service district. According to HECC, the CCSF accounted for 37% of community college funding in the 2017-18 fiscal year, while property taxes accounted for 21.6% in that same fiscal year.

House Bill 2907 appropriates $702 million from the General Fund to HECC for distribution to community colleges via the CCSF for the upcoming biennium, and appropriates $35 million from the General Fund to HECC for the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development for the upcoming biennium to address inequities in educational attainment among systematically marginalized communities.