



# Oregon

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Co-Chair, Senator Lew Frederick  
Co-Chair, Representative Susan McLain  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Education

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and McLain,

Thank you for the opportunity to answer questions that arose during the **April 12, 2021** Higher Education Coordinating Commission's presentation to the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education.

In response to slide 42, Representative Reschke asked for disaggregated tuition and fee information. Disaggregated data show that for four-year institutions, both tuition rates and fees drive Oregon's position relative to Western states. Oregon tuition rates are the third highest among the 16 Western states, and Oregon fees are the second highest. For two-year institutions, tuition rates drive Oregon's position. Oregon's tuition rates are the highest among the 16 Western states, while Oregon fees are in the middle (the seventh highest). The attached slides in Appendix A display these data.

### **Errors and Omissions**

Note that on slide 24, Oregon Health and Science University was listed as a private institution. While our relationship to them is more akin to a private institution than a public institution, OHSU is a public corporation with powers and duties similar to other public universities.

Note that on slide 25, the Oregon Youth Corps (OYC) is listed as the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. OYC is the correct name, which was altered statutorily in 2019. This error is repeated in future slides.

Note that on slide 55, the Chairperson of the HECC is listed as David Rives. This was correct at the time of submission, however the chair of the Commission is now Dr. Larry Roper.

Note that on slide 61, the total cost of the FAMIS project, replacing our legacy financial aid management system, was listed at \$5.1m. The total cost is \$5.9m, consisting of \$5.1m in OF and \$800k in GF.

Also on slide 61, we listed the cost of investments in college outreach and access programs at \$9m. The true cost is \$5m.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kyle Thomas, Director of Legislative and Policy Affairs, at [kyle.thomas@state.or.us](mailto:kyle.thomas@state.or.us) or at 503-480-9596.

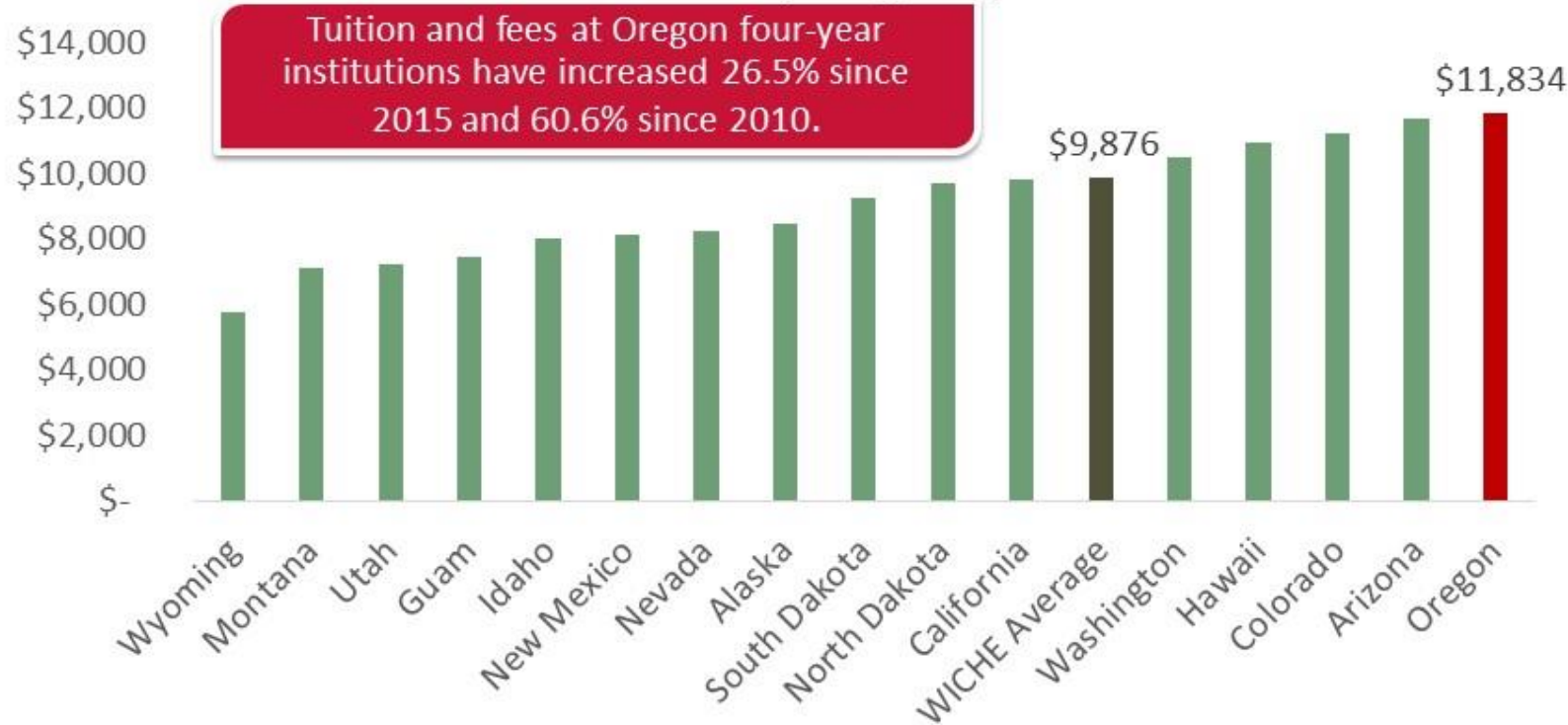
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben Cannon".

Ben Cannon  
Executive Director

## Oregon Four-Year Tuition and Fees are the Highest in Western (WICHE) states

State Average Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees at Four-Year Institutions, Weighted, 2020-21

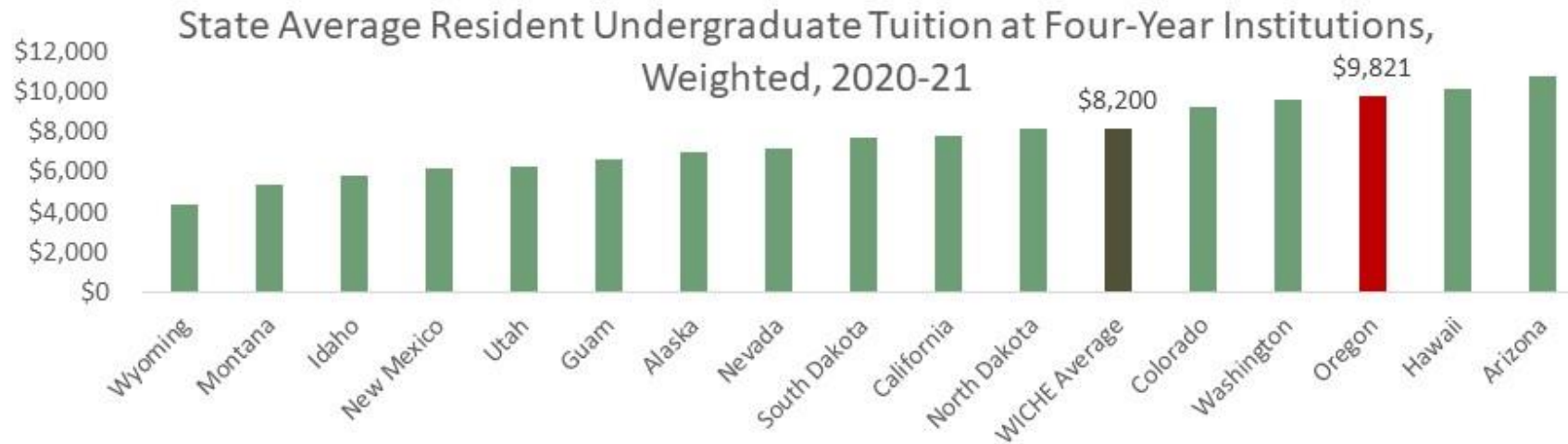


Tuition and fee levels are impacted by the costs and revenue of the institutions, and are closely impacted by state appropriations.

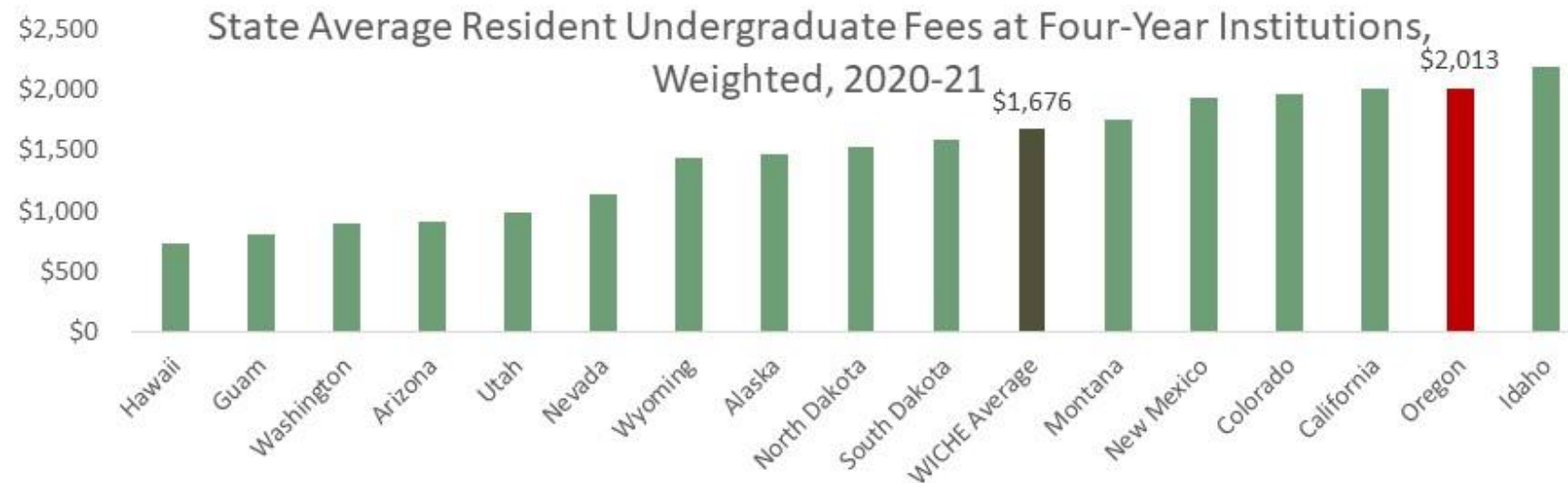
University tuition and fees are generally set by the Board of Trustees. Each campus has community and stakeholder processes to inform and shape the proposed increases.

- Should the combined annual increase in resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory enrollment fees exceed 5% for a public university, the HECC or the Oregon Legislature must approve the increase.

# Oregon Four-Year Tuition and Fees are Among the Highest in Western (WICHE) States



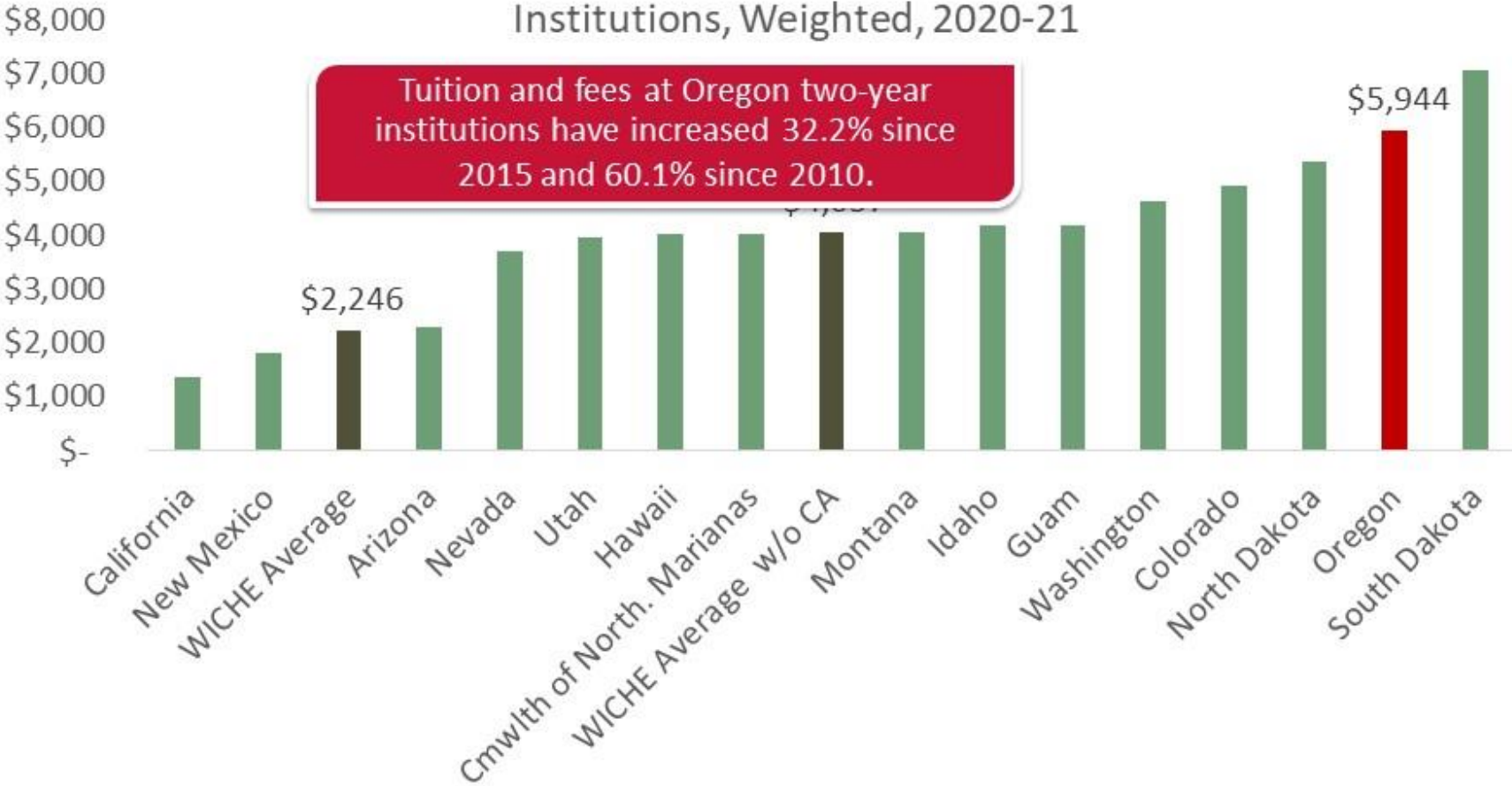
Oregon public university tuition rates is the third highest among 16 Western states.



Oregon public university fees are the second highest among 16 Western states.

# Oregon Two-Year Tuition and Fees are 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest in Western (WICHE) states

State Average Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees at Two-year Institutions, Weighted, 2020-21



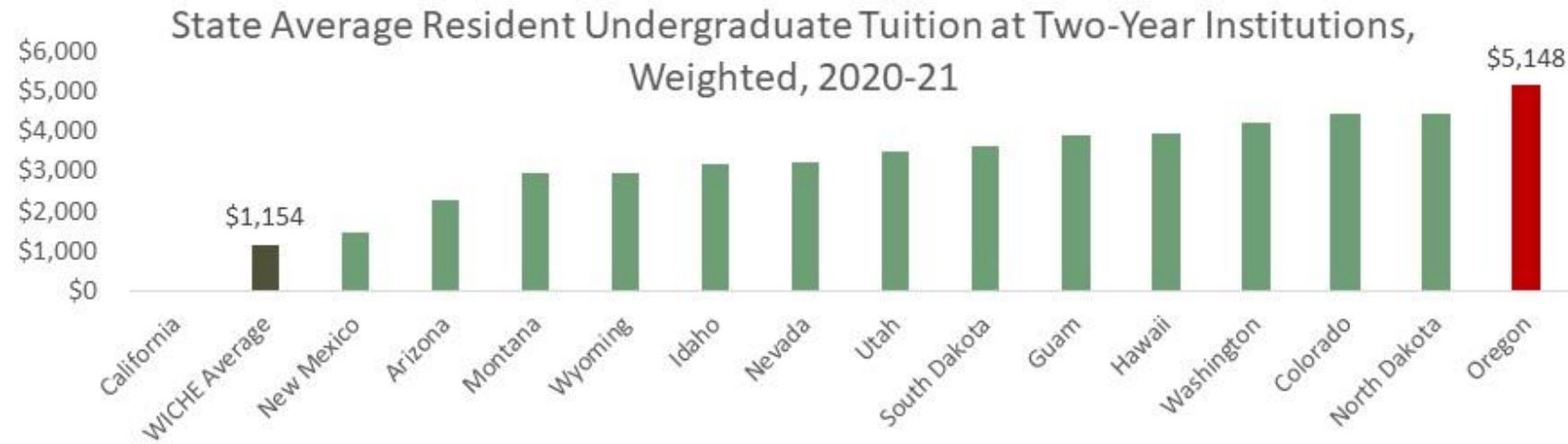
Tuition and fee levels are impacted by the costs and revenue of the institutions, and are closely impacted by state appropriations.

At the community colleges, tuition and fees are set by the locally elected governing board of each community college on an annual basis.

3 Source: WICHE, Tuition & Fees in Public Higher Education in the West, 2020-21, State Averages. <http://www.wiche.edu>



# Oregon Two-Year Tuition Rates Are the Highest in Western (WICHE) States, while Fees Are Below Average



Oregon community college tuition rates are highest among 16 Western states.



Oregon community colleges fees are seventh highest among 16 Western states.