

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5528

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

SB 5528 is the budget bill for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. This budget provides the resources for the State's post-secondary system.

The Subcommittee recommends a total funds budget of just over \$3.0 billion total funds with 149 positions and 140.36 FTE. This budget includes \$900 million for the Public University Support Fund, \$703 million for the Community College Support Fund and an increase to \$200 million for the Oregon Opportunity Grant program. Funding for the Extension Service, Experiment Station, Forest Research Lab and the programs at the Oregon Health Sciences University are generally at current service levels. New investments include resources for additional diversity and equity staff, a portal for transfers between community college and public universities, common course numbering at post-secondary institutions, and for the Oregon Youth Employment program. Lottery funding for the Sports Lottery program and the Outdoor School are at their allocated levels. Key performance measures and targets were approved at their recommended levels.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 5528 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.