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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act requires HECC to create a grant program for college access and success. The Act sets the criteria for a grant to be given. (Flesch Readability Score: 79.0).

Requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish a grant program for the purpose of supporting organizations to expand the scope and community reach of college access and success programs. Details the eligibility criteria to receive a grant and the factors the commission must consider when awarding grants.

1   **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2   Relating to higher education.

3   **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4   <u>**SECTION 1.**</u> **(1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission**

5   **shall establish a grant program for the purpose of supporting organ-**

6   **izations to expand the scope and community reach of college access**

7   **and success programs.**

8   **(2) In order to be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an**

9   **organization must:**

10   **(a) Be a not-for-profit corporation that is tax exempt under section**

11   **501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;**

12   **(b) Be a community-based organization; or**

13   **(c) Be a public institution of higher education as defined in ORS**

14   **350.260.**

15   **(3) In awarding grants under this section, the commission shall**

16   **consider:**

17   **(a) Whether an eligible organization has a demonstrated history of**

1   providing successful college access and success programs; and

2   (b) Whether an eligible organization has a demonstrated history of

3   providing programs and services to populations that are historically

4   underrepresented in post-secondary institutions of education.

5   (4) The commission shall adopt any rules necessary for the admin-

6   istration of this section, including any rules related to:

7   (a) Specifying the form and timelines for submitting an application

8   for a grant under this section;

9   (b) Determining whether an organization is eligible for a grant un-

10   der this section;

11   (c) Calculating the amount to award to grant recipients under this

12   section; and

13   (d) Collecting data required to evaluate program effectiveness.

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