

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 3565

Relating to grant programs for members of Oregon tribes

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

HB 3565 codifies the Oregon Tribal Student Grant program to provide funding to eligible members of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon to cover the cost of attendance at eligible Oregon colleges and universities.

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission currently administers the Oregon Tribal Student Grant program through funding provided by the Commission's 2021-23 legislatively approved budget. Since opening the program to applicants on May 1, 2022, the Commission has disbursed funds to approximately 370 students each term. Based on current level participation and disbursement, the 2023-25 budget for Higher Education Coordinating Commission includes \$24.2 million General Fund for the Oregon Tribal Student Grant program.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 3565 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass.