

A-Engrossed House Bill 4162

Ordered by the House February 15
Including House Amendments dated February 15

Introduced and printed pursuant to House Rule 12.00. Pre-session filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Higher Education for Representative John Lively)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act provides funds for programs to make college more affordable. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.9).

[Appropriates moneys to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the purpose of carrying out Oregon's Open Educational Resources (OER) Program.]

[Appropriates moneys to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the purpose of the establishment and awarding of grants for basic needs programming at public institutions of higher education.]

Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to administer a grant program to fund basic needs programming. Appropriates moneys to the commission to establish the program and award grants for basic needs programming.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to higher education affordability; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Basic needs programming” means a program established by a public institution of**
6 **higher education to help students at the public institution apply for and receive assistance**
7 **from benefits programs as defined in ORS 350.262.**

8 (b) **“Public institution of higher education” means:**

9 (A) **A public university listed in ORS 352.002; and**

10 (B) **A community college operated under ORS chapter 341.**

11 (2) **When the Higher Education Coordinating Commission determines that sufficient**
12 **moneys are available, the commission shall administer a grant program to provide funding**
13 **for basic needs programming at each public institution of higher education. The commission**
14 **shall establish a formula for the distribution of grants awarded under this subsection. The**
15 **total amount of grants awarded shall be based on the percentage of students at each public**
16 **institution of higher education who are recipients of an award from the Oregon Opportunity**
17 **Grant program established under ORS 348.205.**

18 (3) **The commission shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the**
19 **interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education no later than**
20 **September 15, 2025. The report submitted under this subsection must include an assessment**
21 **of how the awarding of grants under this section impacted the basic needs programming at**
22 **each public institution of higher education.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
2 ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium ending June 30,
3 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$5,000,000, to fund the grant program described
4 in section 1 of this 2024 Act.

5 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

6 **SECTION 4.** This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
7 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect
8 on its passage.
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