HB 3618 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$247,500 to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for distribution to Southwestern Oregon Community College to repair elevators in Tioga Hall.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the <u>campus directory</u>, Tioga Hall at Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) houses administrative offices, computer labs, GED and pre-college education resources, human resources, the library, mail and print services, and the tutoring center.

Capital projects can be funded through either General Fund/Lottery Funds appropriation or a bond authorization request. The primary method for public universities and community colleges to make such requests is through the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)'s agency budget request process. As an alternative, capital project requests can be submitted directly to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction through the Legislative Fiscal Office using the Capital Project Information Form (CPIF). The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) publishes Capital Budgeting Instructions to aid state entities in making such requests.

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) coordinates the process for developing state budget recommendations for capital investments and state-funded debt for Oregon's 17 community colleges and seven public universities. HECC assists institutions with long-term planning of capital needs and capital proposal development. HECC provides the <u>University Capital Guide</u> and the <u>Community College Capital Guide</u> to help institutions prepare their capital requests for submission to the HECC for consideration in the Agency Request Budget.