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Bill Title: Relating to post-secondary education for individuals with disabilities; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Higher Education Coordinating Commission	\$ 1,749,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,749,926	1	0.88
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 1,749,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,749,926	1	0.88
2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Higher Education Coordinating Commission	\$ 1,783,278	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,783,278	1	1.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 1,783,278	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,783,278	1	1.00

Measure Description

The measure directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to work with Portland State University (PSU) and community colleges to establish a program that provides a full post-secondary educational experience for youth between 16 and 26 years of age with an intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The program shall establish and plan for the expansion of an individualized model of support that provides the opportunity to learn and succeed within a community college to IDD youth to enroll in a two-year program at participating community colleges and ensure IDD youth who complete a two-year program have the option to complete their studies in the nondegree pre-baccalaureate Career and Community Studies program at Portland State University, among other requirements. The measure appropriates a total of \$1.5 million General Fund to HECC in two separate appropriations, which includes \$600,000, to be allocated to PSU for the support of the Career and Community Studies program, \$900,000, to be allocated to community colleges that participate in establishing the program for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$1.7 million General Fund and one position (0.88 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium, and \$1.8 million General Fund and one position (1.00 FTE) in the 2027-29 biennium. The measure appropriates \$900,000 to HECC for distribution to community colleges that participate in establishing the proposed program, and \$600,000 for distribution to Portland State University for the support of the Career and Community Studies Program. To implement the measure, HECC will need one full-time, permanent Education Specialist 1 position (0.88 FTE) to serve a liaison to participating community colleges, oversee program development, implementation, and administration, including contract management, coordinate with external stakeholders and nonprofits, and support legislative reporting. Because the measure does not permit HECC to expend the \$1.7 million appropriation on administrative costs, this fiscal impact assumes that HECC will need

additional funding to implement the measure. The estimated cost of the position, including position-related services and supplies, \$249,926 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium and \$283,278 in the 2027-29 biennium.

Although the full impact of the measure will depend on the number of students who will enroll, PSU will utilize the \$600,000 allocation to support the Career and Community Studies program, which is a pre-baccalaureate certificate program that provides intensive direct support to non-degree undergraduate IDD students. Program supports include assistance with modifying coursework, engaging in social activities, and providing career development and employment. The program offers individualized supports for students to achieve their long-term goal of competitive, integrated employment in their career path of interest.

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on community colleges, as participation in the program is voluntary and participating institutions would be supported with funds appropriated in the measure.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.