

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5525

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Ruiz

SB 5525 is the budget bill for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

The Subcommittee recommends a total funds budget of just over \$3.9 billion with 196 positions and 184.34 FTE. The budget includes \$1.1 billion for the Public University Support Fund, \$854.3 million for the Community College Support Fund, \$329.4 million for the Oregon Opportunity Grant, \$49.8 million for Oregon Promise, \$48 million for Outdoor School, and \$26 million for the Tribal Student Grant program.

A total of \$11 million is reauthorized for Portland State, Oregon Tech, Southern Oregon, Eastern Oregon, and Western Oregon University to continue supporting these institutions in achieving long-term financial sustainability. The Sports Lottery program is funded at the allocated level of \$18.9 million.

A budget note directs the Commission, in consultation with the public universities, to assess the spending and cost efficiencies at Oregon's public universities and report back in the 2026 session.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 5525 be amended by the –3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.