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Bill Title: Relating to a study on post-secondary educational opportunities 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	\$ 536,312	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 536,312	1	0.75
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 536,312	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 536,312	1	0.75

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Higher Education Coordinating Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to conduct a study on ensuring post-secondary educational opportunities for individuals with disabilities. For purposes of the study, HECC shall convene an advisory group to assist with investigating whether statutory changes, institutional policy changes or financial investments would improve the experience and outcomes of students with disabilities. The advisory group shall submit a report to HECC on the study, and in turn, HECC shall report to interim legislative committees related to higher education.

Fiscal Analysis

Since HECC does not currently collect student-level data regarding disability status, HECC intends to contract with a third-party vendor to conduct the study. The vendor will work with colleges and universities on what data they have on students with disabilities and the processes in place to serve them; supplement the data with new additional relevant qualitative and quantitative data; analyze the data; and make recommendations to HECC. The study would identify the range and scope of the barriers faced by students with disabilities in Oregon and the range and scope of institutional processes and programs currently in place to address the needs of students with disabilities. The estimated cost of this contract is \$300,000 General Fund, which would be a one-time cost in the 2025-27 biennium.

In addition, HECC would need to hire one limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst 4 position (0.75 FTE) to oversee and provide staff support to the advisory group; develop the proposed study with the advisory group; work with the vendor to complete the study; and prepare the report to the Legislature. The estimated total cost

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of this position, including position-related services and supplies, is \$236,312 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium.

The estimated total fiscal impact is \$536,312 General Fund and one position (0.75 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium. The measure is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on HECC in the 2027-29 biennium.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The advisory group shall report to HECC on the study by December 15, 2025.

HECC shall report to interim legislative committees related to higher education by September 15, 2026.

The measure is repealed on January 2, 2027.