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**Bill Title:** Relating to higher education.

**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	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	1	0.75
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$ 5,000,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,000,000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.75</b>

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

### Measure Description

The measure directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to establish a grant program for the purpose of supporting organizations to expand the scope and community reach of college access and success programs. To be eligible to receive a grant under this program, an organization must be a nonprofit corporation, a community-based organization, or public institution of higher education in Oregon. In awarding grants, HECC must consider whether an eligible organization has demonstrated a history of providing successful college access and success programs, as well as programs and support to historically underserved populations. The measure directs HECC to conduct necessary rulemaking to administer the grant program. The measure appropriates \$5 million General Fund to HECC in the 2025-27 biennium to administer this program.

### Fiscal Analysis

Over the past two biennia, HECC's Aspire program has been piloting community outreach programs with grants to specific nonprofits and community organizations. Currently, HECC administers four contracts with various nonprofit organizations to support community reach of college access programs. To manage the grant program as specified by the measure, including collecting data required to evaluate program effectiveness, HECC will need one full-time, limited-duration Education Specialist 2 position (0.75 FTE) to accept and review applications and manage contracts. The estimated cost of this position, including position-related services and supplies, is \$287,265 General Fund. HECC will distribute the remaining \$4.7 million as grants.

### Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.