

HB 3618 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

Action Date: 03/20/25

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Fragala, Harbick, Hudson, McDonald, Munoz, Wright, Yunker

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/13, 3/20

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Services available at Tioga Hall
- Frequent maintenance needs for current elevators
- Request submitted to Capital Construction in addition to House Bill 3618

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the [campus directory](#), 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 [University Capital Guide](#) and the [Community College Capital Guide](#) to help institutions prepare their capital requests for submission to the HECC for consideration in the Agency Request Budget.