

Senate Bill 5525

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as **introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act creates an agency budget. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.8).

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for certain biennial expenses.

Limits biennial expenditures by the commission from certain lottery moneys.

Limits certain biennial expenditures from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by the commission for certain purposes.

Limits biennial expenditures by the commission from federal funds for certain purposes.

Limits biennial expenditures by the commission from timber tax funds for the Community College Support Fund.

Authorizes specified nonlimited expenditures.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the financial administration of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. There are appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, for the following purposes:

8	(1) Higher Education Coordinating	
9	Commission programs and	
10	operations	\$ 120,040,644
11	(2) Public university operations	
12	and student support	
13	for distribution to	
14	public universities.....	\$ 1,068,825,130
15	(3) Community College Support	
16	Fund for distribution to	
17	community colleges and	
18	community college service	
19	districts and school	
20	districts.....	\$ 858,973,475
21	(4) Oregon Opportunity Grant ...	\$ 276,011,418
22	(5) Oregon Promise grants.....	\$ 47,286,508
23	(6) Oregon Tribal Student	
24	Grant.....	\$ 28,527,051

Note: For budget, see 2025-2027 Biennial Budget

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

1	(7) Oregon National Guard		
2	tuition assistance.....	\$	6,621,477
3	(8) Oregon Health and Science		
4	University education and		
5	other programs.....	\$	146,477,563
6	(9) Public university statewide		
7	programs.....	\$	62,252,695
8	(10) Statewide public services.....	\$	192,677,236
9	(11) Debt service and related costs:		
10	(a) Debt service on outstanding		
11	general obligation bonds sold		
12	for the benefit of Oregon		
13	public universities.....	\$	311,924,293
14	(b) Debt service on outstanding		
15	general obligation bonds sold		
16	for the benefit of Oregon		
17	community colleges.....	\$	49,620,182
18	(c) Debt service on outstanding		
19	general obligation bonds		
20	sold for the benefit of		
21	Oregon Health and Science		
22	University	\$	23,571,125
23	(d) Debt service on outstanding		
24	general obligation bonds sold		
25	for implementing the Financial		
26	Assistance Management Information		
27	Systems project	\$	4,367,993
28	(e) Repayment of energy loans		
29	made to Oregon public		
30	universities by State		
31	Department of Energy	\$	13,119,216
32	(f) Debt-related costs on bonds		
33	sold for the benefit of		
34	Oregon public universities....	\$	1,405,310
35	(g) Debt-related costs on bonds		
36	sold for the benefit of Oregon		
37	community colleges.....	\$	182,988

38 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
39 \$35,479,189 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for
40 payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Eco-
41 nomic Development Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for debt service
42 on lottery bonds sold for the benefit of Oregon public universities.

43 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
44 \$11,683,799 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for
45 payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Eco-

1 nomic Development Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for debt service
2 on lottery bonds sold for the benefit of Oregon community colleges.

3 **SECTION 4.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
4 \$48,060,583 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for
5 payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Eco-
6 nomic Development Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to the Outdoor
7 School Education Fund.

8 **SECTION 5.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
9 \$19,615,949 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for
10 payment of expenses by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from lottery moneys
11 allocated to the Sports Lottery Account.

12 **SECTION 6.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
13 \$75,323,069 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for
14 payment of expenses from lottery moneys distributed from the Education Stability Fund to
15 the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for Oregon Opportunity Grants.

16 **SECTION 7.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
17 ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,
18 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$11,090,554, to award grants to Portland State
19 University and Oregon’s technical regional universities (Oregon Institute of Technology,
20 Southern Oregon University, Eastern Oregon University and Western Oregon University) to
21 assist these institutions with long-term financial sustainability.

22 **SECTION 8.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts
23 are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limits for payment
24 of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but ex-
25 cluding lottery funds and federal funds and funds described in sections 12 to 16 of this 2025
26 Act, collected or received by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the follow-
27 ing purposes:

- 28 (1) Higher Education Coordinating
29 Commission programs and
30 related grants \$ 547,769,773
- 31 (2) Debt service on outstanding
32 lottery bonds and general
33 obligation bonds sold for
34 the benefit of Oregon public
35 universities \$ 3,803,366

36 **SECTION 9.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
37 \$5,174,797 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for
38 payment of expenses by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from American
39 Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon
40 Department of Administrative Services and transferred to the commission for carrying out
41 the provisions of ORS 660.380 and 660.385.

42 **SECTION 10.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
43 \$56,021,029 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for
44 payment of expenses by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from American
45 Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon

1 Department of Administrative Services and transferred to the commission for carrying out
2 the provisions of ORS 660.400 and 660.405.

3 **SECTION 11.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
4 \$145,671,556 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for
5 payment of expenses from federal funds, excluding federal funds described in section 14 of
6 this 2025 Act, collected or received by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for
7 Higher Education Coordinating Commission programs and related grants.

8 **SECTION 12.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$56,517
9 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of
10 expenses by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from the moneys received from
11 the Western Oregon Timber Severance Tax Fund and the Eastern Oregon Timber Severance
12 Tax Fund for the Community College Support Fund.

13 **SECTION 13.** For the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, expenditures by the Higher Edu-
14 cation Coordinating Commission for debt service on general obligation bonds issued for the
15 benefit of public universities and Oregon Health and Science University and paid with re-
16 sources received from the public universities and Oregon Health and Science University are
17 not limited.

18 **SECTION 14.** For the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, expenditures by the Higher Edu-
19 cation Coordinating Commission for payments to individuals, organizations or units of gov-
20 ernment from federal National Emergency Grants funds are not limited.

21 **SECTION 15.** For the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, expenditures by the Higher Edu-
22 cation Coordinating Commission for debt service on Build America Bonds sold for the benefit
23 of public universities and community colleges are not limited.

24 **SECTION 16.** For the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, expenditures by the Higher Edu-
25 cation Coordinating Commission of moneys from the Tuition Protection Fund are not limited.

26 **SECTION 17.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
27 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
28 July 1, 2025.

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