

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 5525

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Including Senate Amendments dated June 11

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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. 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:

(1)	Higher Education Coordinating Commission programs and operations	\$	96,610,434
(2)	Public university operations and student support for distribution to public universities.....	\$	1,068,825,130
(3)	Community College Support Fund for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts and school districts.....	\$	858,973,475
(4)	Oregon Opportunity Grant ...	\$	231,671,200

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	(5) Oregon Promise grants.....	\$ 47,286,508
2	(6) Oregon Tribal Student	
3	Grant.....	\$ 26,027,051
4	(7) Oregon National Guard	
5	tuition assistance.....	\$ 5,521,477
6	(8) Oregon Health and Science	
7	University education and	
8	other programs.....	\$ 146,477,563
9	(9) Public university statewide	
10	programs.....	\$ 61,481,902
11	(10) Statewide public services.....	\$ 196,559,462
12	(11) Debt service and related costs:	
13	(a) Debt service on outstanding	
14	general obligation bonds sold	
15	for the benefit of Oregon	
16	public universities.....	\$ 311,924,293
17	(b) Debt service on outstanding	
18	general obligation bonds sold	
19	for the benefit of Oregon	
20	community colleges.....	\$ 49,620,182
21	(c) Debt service on outstanding	
22	general obligation bonds	
23	sold for the benefit of	
24	Oregon Health and Science	
25	University	\$ 23,571,125
26	(d) Debt service on outstanding	
27	general obligation bonds sold	
28	for implementing the Financial	
29	Assistance Management Information	
30	Systems project	\$ 3,159,856
31	(e) Repayment of energy loans	
32	made to Oregon public	
33	universities by State	
34	Department of Energy.....	\$ 13,206,623
35	(f) Debt-related costs on bonds	
36	sold for the benefit of	
37	Oregon public universities	\$ 1,405,310
38	(g) Debt-related costs on bonds	
39	sold for the benefit of Oregon	
40	community colleges.....	\$ 194,370

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

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$11,683,799 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for debt service on lottery bonds sold for the benefit of Oregon community colleges.

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

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$18,852,926 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from lottery moneys allocated to the Sports Lottery Account.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$94,000,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys distributed from the Education Stability Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for Oregon Opportunity Grants.

SECTION 7. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$11,090,554, to award grants to Portland State University and Oregon's technical regional universities (Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University, Eastern Oregon University and Western Oregon University) to assist these institutions with long-term financial sustainability and for the commission to support direct admissions work in collaboration with the universities.

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

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| (1) Higher Education Coordinating Commission programs and related grants | \$ 106,412,317 |
| (2) Debt service on outstanding lottery bonds and general obligation bonds sold for the benefit of Oregon public universities | \$ 3,803,366 |

SECTION 9. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$5,438,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and transferred to the commission for carrying out the provisions of ORS 660.380 and 660.385.

1 **SECTION 10.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
2 \$71,562,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for
3 payment of expenses by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from American
4 Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon
5 Department of Administrative Services and transferred to the commission for carrying out
6 the provisions of ORS 660.400 and 660.405.

7 **SECTION 11.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
8 \$145,801,717 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for
9 payment of expenses from federal funds, excluding federal funds described in section 14 of
10 this 2025 Act, collected or received by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for
11 Higher Education Coordinating Commission programs and related grants.

12 **SECTION 12.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
13 \$105,333 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for
14 payment of expenses by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission from the moneys
15 received from the Western Oregon Timber Severance Tax Fund and the Eastern Oregon
16 Timber Severance Tax Fund for the Community College Support Fund.

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

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

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

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

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