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Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony.

This requires 100% transparency. Who "qualifies?"

What kind of cost reduction?

Which kind of institutions?

348.205. (1) The Oregon Opportunity Grant program is established within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. (2) Under the program, the [cost of education of a "qualified student" shall be shared by the student, the family of the student, the federal government and the state.] commission shall award grants to qualified students for the purpose of assisting those students with the cost of education as determined under subsection (3) or (4) of this section. (3) The commission "shall determine the cost of education of a qualified student based on the type of eligible post-secondary institution" the student is attending. The cost of education equals: (a) For a student attending a community college, the average cost of education of attending a community college in this state; (b) For a student attending a public university listed in ORS 352.002, the average cost of education of attending a public university; (c) For a student attending a two-year Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher education, the average cost of education of attending a community college in this state; and (d) For a student attending the Oregon Health and Science University or a four-year Oregonbased, generally accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher education, the average cost of education of attending a public university listed in ORS 352.002. [(4)(a)] (4) The commission may determine the cost of education of a qualified student enrolled at an eligible post-secondary institution in an eligible program that does not lead to a degree as defined by the commission by rule.