



OCCA DIGEST - February 24, 2017

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

## Legislative Session Update

### HB 2474

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish, by rule, process to ensure that each applicable student at institution of higher education is provided annually with, during student orientation, counseling services that set forth estimate of amount of education loans received, estimate of total amount of education loans student will owe at graduation and estimate of amount student will have to pay each month to service loans.

John Wykoff, OCCA Deputy Director, testified before the House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee explaining that some parts of the bill would force colleges to violate federal policy, though colleges agreed with the overall goal of providing students with more information about the long-term costs of borrowing.

### March 2-3, 2017

OPC Meeting  
Chemeketa  
Community  
College, Salem

### March 22-23, 2017

OCCA Legislative  
Summit  
Salem  
Convention  
Center, Salem

### March 23, 2017

OCCA Board  
Meeting  
Chemeketa  
Community  
College, Salem

## HB 2729

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to work regularly with public universities and community colleges to analyze and evaluate effectiveness of previously adopted open educational resources and to increase number of open educational resources used in courses.

Amy Hofer, Coordinator for Statewide Open Education Library Services at Linn Benton Community College, and Andrew Bone, Vice President for Governance and Administration at Chemeketa Community College, both testified before the House Higher Education and Workforce Development committee explaining the different types of work colleges are doing around textbook affordability.

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## The Oregon Promise

The Oregon Legislature took the first step towards expanding funding for the Oregon Promise program this week. The Ways and Means Capital Construction Subcommittee passed amendments to SB 55 which remove the cap of \$10 million in funding for the current academic year and increase funding by \$3,556,302 to cover spring term students attending community college under the Oregon Promise. SB 55 will be considered by the Full Ways and Means Committee next week and OCCA anticipates that the legislature will pass the bill in time for spring term funding.

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## Revenue Forecast - February 22

The Oregon Legislature received its quarterly revenue forecast from the state economist this week showing state revenues would be up \$200 million more than expected. However, lawmakers warned this still leaves a \$1.6 billion budget shortfall.

**March 24, 2017**

OPC Meeting  
Chemeketa  
Community  
College, Salem

**April TBD, 2017**

OPC Meeting  
Chemeketa  
Community  
College, Salem

**April TBD, 2017**

All Oregon  
Academic Team  
Brunch  
Convention  
Center, Salem

**May 25, 2017**

Board Meeting  
Chemeketa  
Community  
College, Salem

**May 26, 2017**

OPC Meeting  
Chemeketa  
Community  
College, Salem

**June 26-27, 2017**

OPC Meeting  
Location TBD

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An executive summary of the forecast is below:

<https://www.oregon.gov/das/OEA/Documents/executive.pdf>

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## Hearings Scheduled Next Week

Below is a list of bills up for hearings next week that are of interest to community colleges.

### Tuesday, February 28

8:00 AM

#### [HB 2576 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room D

House Committee Agriculture and Natural Resources

Public Hearing

Permits part or product of animal species covered by wildlife trafficking prevention program to be distributed, sold or have legal ownership transferred to bona fide scientific or educational institutional for scientific or educational purposes.

3:00 PM

#### [SB 274 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room C

Senate Committee Education

Public Hearing

Requires each post-secondary educational institution that provides

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housing for students to provide to each student enrolling or registering at institution for first time information on vaccine-preventable diseases known to occur in individuals between 16 and 21 years of age.

### [SB 653 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room C

Senate Committee Education

Public Hearing

Appropriates \$504,300 to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Umpqua Community College for purpose of employing security patrol persons and information technology network security specialist.

## **Wednesday, March 1**

1:00 PM

### [SB 231 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room D

Senate Committee Human Services

Public Hearing

Establishes Task Force on Student Mental Health Support.

## **Thursday, March 2**

3:00 PM

### [SB 203 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room C

Senate Committee Education

Public Hearing

Defines two unique service areas for Columbia Gorge Community College District and Southwestern Oregon Community College District.

### [SB 286 INTRO](#)

Hearing Room C

Senate Committee Education

Public Hearing

Specifies conditions under which State Board of Education may identify youth job development organization, nonprofit organization or other entity for partnership with school districts, education service districts, public schools, public charter schools, community colleges or public universities for purposes of awarding grant related to education in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

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## **Success Center Listening Tour**

The latest stop on Dr. Elizabeth Brand's listening tour was at Central Oregon Community College on February 23, 2017. Conversations included instructional deans, student services staff, Teaching and Learning Center coordinators, Title III team members and an open forum with faculty and provided a lot of information sharing and gathering for all involved. To schedule your campus visit or to get more information, please contact [elizabeth@occa17.com](mailto:elizabeth@occa17.com).

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## **OCCA Legislative Process 101 Webinar**

The "Legislative Process 101" webinar was held on February 21, 2017. OCCA Deputy Director John Wykoff provided an overview of Oregon's legislative process, how a bill becomes a law, and the work of OCCA

during the legislative session.

To access a recorded version of the webinar and the PowerPoint presentation, visit the OCCA website:

<http://www.occa17.com/events/occa-webinars/archived-webinars/>

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## **Ways and Means Roadshow Schedule**

The schedule for the remaining roadshows is outlined below:

### **Friday, February 24 -- Ashland**

5 to 7 p.m.

Rogue River Room

Southern Oregon University

1250 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland

### **Saturday, February 25 -- Eugene**

1 to 3 p.m.

Rooms 308-309 Building 17 (The Forum)

Lane Community College

4000 E 30th Ave, Eugene

### **Friday, March 3 -- Tillamook**

6 to 8 p.m.

Officer's Mess

Port of Tillamook Bay

6825 Officers Row, Tillamook

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## **CCCSE Releases New Report on Student Financial Health**

[Center for Community College Student Engagement](#) (CCCSE) released a report this week on the role of community colleges in students' financial health.

[Making Ends Meet: The Role of Community Colleges in Student Financial Health](#) includes findings from nearly 100,000 community college students across 177 institutions. The report explores students' perceptions of their current financial circumstances, budgeting practices, and financial management skills. To view the full report click [here](#).

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## OCCA Legislative Summit Registration Open

Registration for the OCCA Legislative Summit on March 22-23, 2017 at the Salem Conference Center, is now open!

This is your opportunity to learn how to advocate effectively for your college and have conversations with legislative leadership and representatives from the Governor's office.

You'll walk away from this summit with the tools you need to maximize your effectiveness during the 2017 legislative session.

Click [HERE](#) to register online for the 2017 OCCA Legislative Summit

**Registration Fee:** The registration fee is \$95 per person, which includes lunch and dinner on March 22, 2017.

**Registration Deadline:** March 13, 2016

**Hotel Room Availability:** A block of hotel rooms has been

reserved for summit participants at a rate of \$129 per night using the code "Oregon Community College Association". Please contact the Grand Hotel at 877-540-7800 to reserve a hotel room. The room block expired on February 19 but the hotel may still honor the discounted rate.

## **AGENDA**

### **Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.: Check-In/Registration

11:30 – Noon: Welcome/OCCA Update

Noon - 1:00 p.m.: Luncheon

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Summit Sessions

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Hosted

Reception

Reception hors d'oeuvres will be provided by students in the culinary arts programs at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Wine will be provided by the viticulture programs at Chemeketa and Umpqua Community Colleges.

### **Thursday, March 23, 2017**

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.: Appointments with

Legislators

**REMINDER:** Each college makes their own appointments with their legislators.

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*Oregon's 17 community colleges are a vital part of the state's education system and serve roughly 295,000 students a year, or about 1 in 14 Oregonians.*

*The OCCA Digest updates members and the public about recent news affecting community colleges and efforts by the association to enhance student success and workforce development.*

*Do you have links to local stories or other items of interest? Please forward them to [katie@occa17.com](mailto:katie@occa17.com).*

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