

# Community College Legislative Session Ask

February 2022

## Cybersecurity

## Future Ready Oregon

### Request

**\$5.1  
million**

For cybersecurity training, gap analysis/resolution, data loss prevention, additional staffing & upgrades to systems



### Request

**\$200  
million**

Investment in state's workforce system to **utilize existing infrastructure** to expedite short-term solutions, and **address inequities** in the workforce system. **\$92.5 million** to expand existing programs.

### Investment

Colleges each allotted up to

**\$300,000**

to begin to address this existential challenge & work towards operational resiliency.



### Investment

**\$17 million**

Of the \$92.5 million, \$17 million specifically for CCs for **Career Pathways** programs. There's also an additional **\$10 million** available that community colleges are eligible for **Credit for Prior Learning**.

### Rationale

Education is the **most targeted industry** for malware attacks.\* At least 19 institutions targeted in 2021. Nationwide, there's been a **300% increase** in cyberattacks in the past year.

\*Microsoft, January 2022



### Emphasis

Emphasizes **recruitment, retention, & career advancement opportunities**

### Rationale

**Colleges in Oregon** have been victims of crippling cyberattacks, causing **delays in service and education** for students. Ransomware gangs target CCs because they know colleges are **severely under-resourced**.



### Prioritizes Equity

**Prioritizes key populations**, including people of color, women, low income, rural communities, veterans, & incarcerated/formerly incarcerated.

### Rationale

Many colleges remain **woefully underprepared** and **underinsured**. As a result, they are vulnerable to paralyzing and costly data breaches and system shutdowns, for which they often must pay crippling ransoms.



### Grant Opportunity

**\$95 million for Competitive Workforce Readiness grants:** Benefits workers by increasing **cross-collaborative partnerships** to provide resources & address barriers for **underserved communities** to workforce training programs.