OCCA Advocacy Training

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Turnover in Oregon House since '21





Legislative Branch – House Changes

- ▶ 20 of 60 open seats in the House of Representatives
 - 6 house members are running for the senate
 - 3 house members were running for new 6th Congressional seat
 - 9 are retiring
 - 2 interim appointees are not running (5 other interim appointees are running)
- ► 50% of the House Education Committee are not returning, including the Chair and one Vice-Chair
- ▶ New Higher Education Committee?



Turnover in Oregon Senate since '21





Legislative Branch – Senate Changes

- ▶ 15 of 30 are up for election this cycle
- Only 1 of 5 Senate Education Committee members is not returning: Republican Vice-Chair Thomsen
- New Higher Education Committee?



Executive Branch

- Recent predictions* say election is a "toss up" for Oregon's next Governor
- ▶ Governor makes state agency Director appointments Workforce & Talent Development Board, Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority, HECC Commissioners (not HECC Director, which is appointed by Commission)
- ▶ Develops Governor's Recommended Budget every two years as a starting point for the Oregon Legislature



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Funding Background

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OCCA Policy Option Package Requests Summary

POP #1

Current Service Level increase to cover increased costs with ongoing or one-time revenue to cover revenue losses: \$308 million

POP #2

Expanded CTE programming and supports for low-income, first-generation and underrepresented students: \$100 million

POP #3

Increased funding to colleges for cybersecurity: \$12 million



OCCA Policy Option Package #1

Current Service Level increase to cover increased costs & ongoing or one-time revenue to cover revenue losses: \$308 million (\$157m ongoing/\$151m ongoing or one-time)





Impacts to Current Service Level



Community colleges have seen unprecedented disruption to service and declines in enrollment



Tuition and other revenue sources are projected to drop \$131 million from the original 2021-23 projections

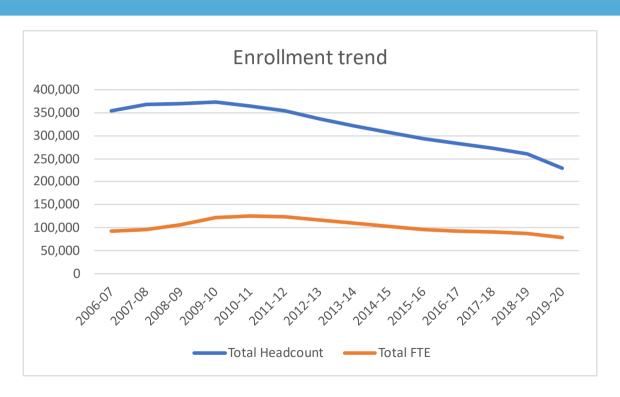




Costs are projected to increase \$221 million from the 2021-23 biennium



Change in Enrollment

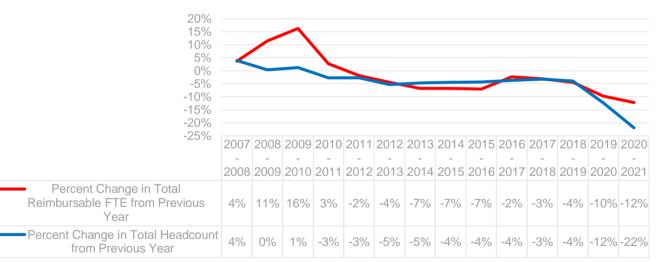




Source: Data Mart, accessed Sept. 12, 2022

Change in Enrollment

Percent Change in Oregon Community College Headcount and Reimbursable FTE from Previous Year: 2006-2021



Percent Change in Total Reimbursable FTE from Previous Year

Percent Change in Total Headcount from Previous Year



2021-2023 Anticipated vs Current Revenue Projections











Community College Current Service Level

General Fund REVENUE	2021-23 Projections			Change to Next Biennium				2023-25 Needs	
	Original Projections	Projections/Actuals	% of Total	2023	-24	2024	-25	\$ Change	\$ Amount
State Aid	\$702,165,622	\$696,761,012	41%	44.3%				\$308,410,812	\$1,005,171,825
Property Taxes	\$420,255,388	\$437,837,816	25%	3.8% 3.8%		\$34,450,937	\$472,288,752		
Tuition	\$547,224,492	\$465,450,932	27%	Enrollment	Tuition	Enrollment	Tuition	\$30,796,690	\$496,247,622
				1.3%	3.2%	1.4%	3.1%		
Other	\$125,757,153	\$64,554,399	4%	- 7.4	1%	-9.8	%	(\$635,753)	\$63,918,646
HEERF		\$53,036,148	3%						
Total GF Revenues	\$1,795,402,655	\$1,717,640,307	100%					\$373,022,686	\$2,037,626,844



Community College Current Service Level

General Fund EXPENSES	2021-23 Projections		Change to Next Biennium			2023-25 Needs
	Amount	% of Total	2023-24	2024-25	\$ Amount	\$ Amount
Salary (including payroll costs)	\$1,061,974,842	58%	5.2%	4.8%	\$136,862,165	\$1,198,837,007
Health Insurance	\$181,654,690	10%	4.6%	4.6%	\$20,662,521	\$202,317,211
PERS	\$234,462,505	13%	8.0%	4.4%	\$35,545,307	\$270,007,812
Materials & Services	\$233,577,210	13%	4.4%	3.6%	\$22,787,696	\$256,364,906
Other (transfers, etc.)	\$104,797,506	6%	0.9%	2.4%	\$1,295,936	\$106,093,443
Unfunded Mandates		0%			\$4,006,466	\$4,006,466
Total GF EXPENSES	\$1,816,466,754	100%			\$221,160,090	\$2,037,626,844



Total HEERF I, II & III Fund Allocations

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF): HEERF I (CARES Act), HEERF II (CRRSAA) & HEERF III (ARPA)

Total Allocations to Oregon Community Colleges

TOTAL HEERF RECEIVED	\$319,872,911
Other (SIP/MSI)	\$ 6,773,599
Institutional Grants	\$185,174,033
Student Emergency Grants (minimum direct to students)	\$127,925,279



Requirement to Continue Paying Employees

The original CARES Act "Recipient Certification and Agreement for the Institutional Portion" of HEERF funds including the following language:

"(c) Consistent with Section 18006 of the CARES Act, Recipient agrees that to the greatest extent practicable, Recipient will pay all of its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to the coronavirus." (Clause 4c, page 2)

The revised and current "Blue C&A" form institutions must sign also includes this language as follows:

"Recipient must, to the greatest extent practicable, continue to pay its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to coronavirus pursuant to section 315 of the CRRSAA." (Clause 11, page 3)



OCCA Policy Option Package #2 (continued)

Removing Barriers and Building on Success:

- Funding to accelerate developmental education redesign
- Funding to accelerate transition to Guided Pathways





HECC POP 207: Community College Support Fund

Current	CSL	Orig. Request	HECC Recommendation
	+9.3% to	+44.3% to	+20.1% to
\$699.0 million	\$764.1M	\$1,005.2M	\$855M ongoing
Use of fund balances ongoing Existing enrollment declines	Due to enrollment declines, and the resulting loss in tuition revenue, the colleges are reporting a larger	Annual average tuition increases of 3.2% Annual enrollment growth of 1.3%	+ \$50M one-time (29.5% Tota) Provides funds to cover increasing cost drivers and operational expenses, but does not replace use of one-time federal funds
	need for state		ase of one time reactar famas
Completion improvement over time	funding in 2023-25	No use of fund balance	Includes one-time investment of \$50 million to enable colleges to adapt to
7occa		No new programs or staffing increases	emerging enrollment trends and employer demands.



Source: Higher Education Coordinating Commission

HECC POP 206: Public University Support Fund

Current	CSL	Orig. Base Request	HECC Recommendation
\$900.0 million	+8.0% to \$972.0M	+8.7% to \$978.0M	+10.3% to \$992M
Use of fund balances ongoing	Tuition increases above 5% on most campuses	Would allow most universities to keep tuition at or below	Meets identified operational needs
Existing enrollment declines for some	Reduced student affordability	5% Preserves affordability and	Does not place dedicated equity funds in support fund (as
Completion improvement over time	Potential use of	student support investments	requested); instead relies on investment in direct
ancca.	fund balances	Maintains progress toward statewide goals	student aid through OOG/OP



Advocacy Plan

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Role of a Campus Advocacy Coordinator

- Grass Roots Organizing
 - ID students, faculty, administrators, community members, business partners, retirees, etc.
- Coaching/Training
- Direct legislative engagement
- Planning and executing statewide strategies and tactics
- Local coalition building



OCCA Advocacy Goals & Strategies



Enable Equitable Student Success

Secure Ongoing State Funding Needed for Student Success

Promote and Support Equity-Driven State-Level Policy

Provide Opportunities for Students to Grow as Advocates

Advocate for Greater State Support for Basic Needs



Build Advocacy Capacity and Effectiveness

Provide statewide Direction, Message and Coordination

Expand State & Local Coalition Supporting Community Colleges

Utilize Data to Differentiate CCs/Show Value

Social and Traditional Media Engagement, Voter Voice



Direct Legislative Outreach

Create Opportunities for Virtual Engagement

Maintain and Build CC Support in Legislature

Visibility and Presence Each Month of Session



2022-23 Advocacy Plan

September 2022

- Policy Bill request submitted
- Student aid/00Gop-ed published inThe Oregonian
- Board MemberTraining (Sept. 17)

October 2022

- Virtual AdvocacyTraining
- Local Board
 engagement with
 legislators &
 candidates

November 2022

- OCCA Conference (Nov. 2-4, Sunriver)
- General Election
- Small Business Day (Nov. 26)
- Congratulate newlyelected leaders



2022-23 Advocacy Plan

December 2022

- Taskforce & Legislative Days (Dec. 6-9)
- Deadline for presession bills (Dec. 21)
- Identify networks for advocacy

January 2023

- Legislature starts
- Outreach to & educate new legislators

February 2023

- Revenue Forecast
- CTE Month outreach, education, virtual CTE Day



2022-23 Advocacy Plan

March 2023

- Legislative Summit
- Budget outreach & advocacy

April 2023

- All-Oregon
 Academic Team
 luncheon invite
 legislators
- Nat'l Community
 College Month –
 outreach,
 education

May 2023

- Revenue Forecast
- Budget campaign & advocacy



Messaging

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Summary:

The COVID-19 pandemic caused profound disruptions for community college students, the colleges, and their employees. Since the pandemic, Oregon's community colleges have continued to adapt and innovate to meet the rapidly changing needs and circumstances of their students and their communities.



- Colleges Served Students Through the Pandemic
 - CC students most affected by pandemic
 - CC saw historic enrollment declines
 - Demand for student services increased
 - Colleges made rapid shift to online education



Colleges Are Adapting to Changing Educational Needs

- Enrollment returning but students want flexibility
- Fewer students direct from high school, but adult and CTE student growth
- More students seeking high-cost CTE, fewer seeking low-cost lower division transfer
- Demographically, there will be fewer high school graduates, but Oregon has many adults with some college/no degree
- CC enrollment counter-cyclical to economy



- Colleges Asking State to Partner in Confronting Fiscal Challenges
 - Pandemic shutdowns had major impact on enrollment and revenue
 - HECC has recommended 20 percent increase in ongoing funding and 9-percent in one time funding.
 - Colleges are asking Legislature to support a 20 percent increase and a minimum of 9 percent in one-time funding
 - To fully keep current capacity colleges would need a 44 percent increase.



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