

# Oregon's Community Colleges

2023 Oregon Community College  
Association Legislative Priorities



*During each legislative session, Oregon Community College Association identifies several priorities for which to pursue legislation to support the state's 17 community colleges. This document highlights the three primary legislative priorities for the Oregon Community College Association for the 2023 Legislative Session.*

## Increase Community College Support Fund (CCSF) HB 5025

Increase the CCSF by 20.1% to \$855 million for the 2023-25 biennium

Support \$50 million in ONE-TIME funding to assist colleges in transitioning out of the pandemic & from federal aid

## Increase Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG) (included in HB 5025)

Increase the Oregon Opportunity Grant by a minimum of 100%, from \$200 million per biennium to \$400 million per biennium. The OOG is Oregon's primary source of state need-based financial aid for college students.

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) SB 523

Empower community colleges to offer a BSN if they meet the necessary requirements. The nursing industry doesn't recognize the current Bachelor of Applied Science in Nursing degree; a BSN would make the degree more valuable.