

Docket Item:

May 2016 Legislative Update

Summary:

The Oregon State Legislature held a series of legislative hearings May 23-25. HECC agency staff participated in several hearings including:

- Presenting on youth work experience programs in the House Business and Labor Committee. Workforce Investment Division Director Karen Humelbaugh provided this presentation.
- Providing information to the House Higher Education, Innovation and Workforce Development Committee on the Oregon Promise. Specifically, Executive Director Ben Cannon and OSAC Director Bob Brew discussed the costs over the next biennium to continue the program and the cost projections for the initial year including the sufficiency of the \$10M that the Legislature appropriated. Attached you will find a visual representation of the participation estimates that were provided to the Committee.
- An update on the implementation of [House Bill 4076](#) (2016) that requires Oregon Promise recipients to complete a first-year experience. CCWD Director Patrick Crane and OCCA Executive Director Andrea Henderson described the process that is being used to distribute funds to community colleges for these efforts and how the funds will be used by the colleges.
- A report to the Joint Legislative Audits committee on a community college completion audit that the Secretary of State completed last Spring. Mr. Cannon, Mr. Crane and Ms. Henderson described a collaborative approach between the auditors, CCWD and the community colleges that resulted in a unique measurement of community college completion as well as recent positive completion results.

The HECC agency also received approval from the Emergency Board to distribute \$1.5M that was allocated to the HECC in [Senate Bill 5507](#) (2015) for community colleges to support academic advising activities as well as acceptance of a business plan that increased the HECC's expenditure authority to issue bonds for Portland Community College (PCC) to participate in the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center. The Center is a Boeing-led, State collaboration to establish a training and a research and development facility that will jointly advance new materials and new manufacturing techniques as well as provide workforce training to prepare individuals for jobs with participating companies or other manufacturers. Several postsecondary institutions including PCC, the Oregon Institute for Technology, Oregon State University and Portland State University are participating in development of the Center. Additionally, Mr. Cannon provided an overview of the reports from public universities who were required to report on tuition and fee increases above 3% pursuant to [Senate Bill 501](#) (2015).

The State revenue forecast was issued last Friday, June 3rd.

The following [reports](#) that the HECC approved at its last meeting were submitted to the Legislature: [House Bill 3308](#) (2015) focusing on addressing disparities in higher education through continuing education.

[House Bill 3335](#) (2015) updating information on college completion initiatives and Oregonians with "some college, no degree".

[Senate Bill 473](#) (2015) regarding collecting sexual orientation information and preferred names at Oregon's community colleges.