

## Docket Item: 9.2

### State grant programs: findings regarding distribution and impact

#### Summary:

One component of the Commission's funding goal is state grant programs, and the Oregon Promise has been perhaps the most visible state grant program since its inception in 2015. With one year of the program underway and a second year beginning, we analyzed the distribution and impact of the Oregon Promise for your review. The analysis concentrates on the progress made by the first cohort of students, how they compare with the second cohort of students, and overall impacts of the program. Cohort 1 students received grants in the 2016-17 academic year and some continued into the 2017-18 year, while Cohort 2 students received their first Oregon Promise grants in the 2017-18 year. Key findings from the analysis indicate a successful launch of the program, as evidenced by its achievement of several core goals:

- More high school graduates enrolled in college
- More federal student aid came into Oregon
- Affordability increased for students
- Students fulfilled program requirements at a high rate
- Students continued into a second year of college at a high rate

The analysis also reveals opportunities for improvement, especially regarding support for students who missed a term of enrollment or otherwise lost eligibility, and broadening program funding.

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