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Modification to uses of Tuition Protection Fund

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The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) Private Career Schools (PCS) unit is currently entirely dependent on licensure fees for its operating budget. In previous years, PCS has received partial subsidy from state General Fund revenue. Fee collections have been insufficient to maintain essential operations in areas such as compliance and student and consumer protection.

The Tuition Protection Fund (TPF) is established in statute and administered in Oregon Administrative Rule to compensate students who lose pre-paid tuition when a career school closes. The proposed rule change will allow the PCS unit to transfer funds for its critical operations, subject to limits imposed by rule.

Three rulemaking hearings were held in October and November 2018. There was minimal public comment on the proposed change to the TPF rules. The Private Career Schools Advisory Committee has been advised of this proposed change and expressed support for it a special meeting of the Committee in July 2018.

Docket Material:

Rule text of proposed changes.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve rule text changes as presented.