

Docket Item:

Oregon Strong Start Update

Summary:

The HECC's Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development has partnered with the Oregon Student Success Center to continue the math pathways work. Supported in part by a grant from the Education Commission of the States Strong Start to Finish Initiative, the Oregon Strong Start initiative focuses on STEM and non-STEM math pathways and the development of co-requisite courses that will transfer statewide.

During the May Commission meeting, the Commission approved the Community College Support Fund: Strategic Fund percentage at .75%. These funds will be used to support strategic community college investments and initiatives in the coming biennium. One example includes institutional support as they begin their math co-requisite journey.

Elizabeth Cox Brand, Executive Director from the Oregon Student Success Center will present an update on the project and an overview of recent data related to this effort. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included on the following pages.

The presentation references the recent Complete College America Report: No Room for Doubt, which can be found here: https://completecollege.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/CCA_NoRoomForDoubt_CorequisiteSupport.pdf

Staff Recommendation:

For discussion and informational purposes only.