

Proposed Legislative Concepts (Law Changes)

Topic		Summary
1	Oregon Promise	Removed accelerated credit discount and increase eligibility to include any PS institution
2	Native American College Access grant/program	Create program language to serve new and existing students who meet eligibility requirements during special purpose appropriation (rules)
3	Transcript Access	Cease practice of withholding transcripts for unpaid fees
4	Guaranteed Admissions	Establish a guaranteed admissions policy for Oregon Residents at OPUs
5	Accreditation	Revise statutory language to reflect that all colleges are accredited by USDE. Removes "regional" distinction.
6	Cosmetology Curriculum Development	Shifts cosmetology curriculum approval to OHA Health Licensing Office and Board of Cosmetology to achieve better alignment with mission.
7	ODA Statutory Compilation	Move ODA Statutes out of OSAC
8	Youth Works	Combines boards and infrastructure for youth employment initiatives (OCC, OYEP, and OYC) under umbrella program, Oregon Youth Works. Provides continued funding for the Oregon Conservation Corps and Oregon Youth Corps.
9	AmeriCorps Education Incentives	Offer AmeriCorps volunteers in Oregon in-state tuition rates. Provide state matching dollars for federal Segal grant (up to \$3,500 per member per year for total of \$10,000 in total aid per year).
10	Apprenticeship	Add WTDB member to BOLI State Apprenticeship & Training Council
11	Education/training support for early learning and school-based Behavioral/Mental Health professionals	Modify ORS 329.181 to provide authority to provide grants to students seeking early childhood mental health degrees.

Proposed Policy Option (Budget) Packages

Topic		Summary	Estimated Cost	FTE
Financial Aid to Students				
1	Oregon Opportunity Grant	Increase base funding level and tier awards based on need. Make targeted awards to students near completion to incentivize degree completion	\$ TBD	1 FTE
2	Oregon Promise	Removed accelerated credit discount and increase eligibility to include any post-secondary institution	\$ TBD	N/A
3	Native American College Access grant/program	Secure ongoing funding to serve new and existing students who meet eligibility requirements for new program (est. 2022)	\$19M+	Perm. Staff
4	Child Care Grant	Increase number of student parents served to meet increasing demand	\$ TBD	1 FTE
5	National Guard (ONGSTA)	Increase funding to reflect current costs given caseload increases	\$ TBD	N/A
6	FAFSA/ORSAA Completion Initiative	Increase FAFSA/ORSAA completion rate through coordination with partners, marketing, and monitoring of progress	\$450K	1 FTE
7	Career/College Readiness	Use Aspire to build college readiness culture, establish ASPIRE outreach and grant program for underserved populations, and increase number of grants awarded	\$ TBD	3 FTE
8	Oregon Work Study	Initiate a work-study program for undergraduate and graduate students at post-secondary institutions	\$ TBD	N/A

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University and College Programs				
9	Open Educational Resources (OER)	Expand the capacity of the state OER program to provide affordable course materials with sustainable funding that supports previously grant-funded activities plus a project manager and instructional designer on an ongoing basis.	\$ TBD	N/A
10	Common Application for Guaranteed Admissions	Establish common application for Oregon Residents at Oregon Public Universities to support Guaranteed Admissions policy	\$ TBD	N/A
11	Early Learning Pathways	Early learning & care workforce supports to develop and support pathways to qualifications.	\$ TBD	N/A
12	CARES (MH) Team	Mental Health Services (for both faculty and students). CARES Team – triggers and resources for faculty to help identify and support students who are struggling	\$ TBD	N/A
13	Public University Support Fund	Provide formula funding at a level that would keep tuition increases for resident, undergraduate students below 5% annually for most universities during 2023-25.	\$ TBD	N/A
14	Community College Support Fund	Provide formula funding to increase completions including associate degrees, workforce certificates, and OTMs at a level that would keep tuition increases for resident, undergraduate students below 3.5% annually for most colleges during 2023-25.	\$ TBD	N/A
15	Capital Projects	Bond package to support prioritized list of capital projects, including deferred maintenance	\$ TBD	N/A
16	PU - Placeholder IT Modernization	Fund universities to upgrade IT systems to better meet student needs/expectations.	\$ TBD	N/A
17	CC - Cybersecurity	Fund investment for Community Colleges in strengthening cybersecurity infrastructure, due to increasing risk	\$ TBD	N/A
18	PU - Research and Economic Development LC	Public Universities to convene stakeholders to determine how state government could/should support Research and Economic Development. Details to follow.	\$ TBD	N/A

19	PU - Equity	The public universities propose an investment of \$100M to support first-generation and other traditionally underrepresented students (identified in HB 2590 (2021) Sec. 1(3)). Half of the investment would go to the Oregon Opportunity Grant, the other half would be targeted for individual public university programs or services that are designed to improve access, retention, completion, and workforce entry.	\$100M	N/A
20	PU-Strong Start	Continue Strong Start, summer bridge program, that provides wraparound services and academic skill building for incoming/return students.	\$20M	N/A
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HECC Operations				
21	Exec. Dir. Office Staff (Internal Audit, HR, and Legislative Support)	Add staffing capacity in HR, Internal Audit, and Legislative Support (IA2, HRA3, T&DS2).	Approx. \$1.5M	6 FTE
22	Agency Outreach/Comms	Staff to increase external outreach/communications to students on higher ed/workforce issues	\$ TBD	1 FTE
23	Operations staff	Adds 6.5 FTE to Operations to address growing workload issues. Positions include front desk reception, procurement, two IT project managers, two fiscal positions and .5 network support.	\$1.5M	6.5 FTE
24	Web Site Accessibility	Professional and Personal Services to support revising HECC web site to make it more accessible to individuals with disabilities	\$700K	1 FTE
25	OWI Capacity Building	Funds four new positions to support increased outreach and culturally responsive services to labor unions, tribes, and priority populations.	\$1M	4 FTE
26	Rural Services	Hire APA staff member to coordinate rural student policy and services.	\$300K	1 FTE
27	PCS GF	Provide state GF to increase staff capacity	\$300K	1 FTE
28	GED Program	Increase position authority from .7 FTE to 1.0 FTE for state GED Administrator	\$75K	.3 FTE

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Data and Technology				
29	Modernization Project (Completion of Financial Aid Management Information System project)	This project is phase two of an upgrade to HECC IT systems, including FAMIS, OWI, R&D, and ODA systems. First phase was funded in 21-23.	\$5M Q-Bonds	N/A
30	Transfer Portal Placeholder	Pursue IT Contract to create Portal that would facilitate transfer of credits.	\$ TBD	Yes
31	Data warehouse/integrated data policy	A legislative mandate for reporting complete data on all learners from all postsecondary educational institutions and training programs, accompanied by relevant policy and programming	\$ TBD	4 FTE
32	Electronic Transcripts	Create a system or protocol that is capable of improving college applications, advising, transfer, accelerated learning, and financial aid by aggregating transcript information automatically	\$ TBD	Yes
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AmeriCorps/Volunteerism				
33	Housing Assistance for AmeriCorps Members	AmeriCorps recruiting is difficult in part because of lack of affordable housing options in rural and urban Oregon. Creates a pool of money for emergency housing assistance.	\$350K	N/A
34	AmeriCorps Education Incentives	(1) Attract and retain AmeriCorps volunteers in Oregon by offering in-state tuition rates. (2) Offer to match federal Segal grant (up to \$3,500 per member per year for total of \$10,000 in total aid per year).	Approx. \$2M	N/A
35	OregonServes Capacity & Resiliency	Add capacity to support grant application, disaster response, partnership with OEM, and Service Enterprise initiative.	\$750K+	3 FTE

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Career Connection & Employment				
36	Career Connect Oregon	Establish a career connect task force, strategic plan, and state team (cross agency) to align and coordinate existing and new investments in career connected learning	\$ TBD	1 FTE
37	Career Information System	Fund and statewide the Career Information System, housed at UO, and make "Credentials that Work" program available statewide.	\$2M	N/A
38	Career Technical Education Equipment	Fund replacement of equipment utilized in community college CTE programs--particularly in rural areas. Student Support Services for students in CTE areas. Staff to support CTE programs and applied baccalaureate pathways	\$ TBD (Scalable)	2 FTE
39	Oregon Employability Skills Program	Develop curriculum for Essential Employability Skills model endorsed by WTDB.	\$750K	2 FTE
40	WTDB Continuous Improvement	Implement the findings of the Continuous Improvement Committee established in SB 623 (2021) to improve statewide approach to integrated workforce development	\$ TBD	N/A
41	PSU Career and Community Studies	Increase opportunity for post-secondary success for students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at PSU and Community Colleges.	\$1.5M	N/A
42	Technology Workforce	Creates technology pathways for education and training for underserved. Establishes Center of Excellence for technology and awards grants to train workforce on tech curricula.	\$6M+	4 FTE
43	Oregon Conservation Corps	Continue funding for Oregon Conservation Corps, including \$10M for grants to youth corps providers	\$10.7M	3 FTE