

**Docket Item:**

Permanent rule adoption Chapter 575: Establishing the Oregon Tribal Student Grants

**Summary:**

With the passage of HB 5202A, Section 455 (2022) and subsequent approval of the Legislative Emergency Board, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission received \$19M to establish the Oregon Tribal Student Grant (OTSG). New rules are required with the development of the new OTSG grant program. The purpose of the OTSG is for the Commission to provide grants to offset the cost of attendance to any qualified student who is an enrolled member of an Oregon federally recognized tribe as defined under ORS 182.162. The rules establish definitions, student eligibility, application requirements, grant amounts, fund disbursement, concurrent enrollment, and record keeping requirements. Current funding will support the program in 2022-23. The HECC will seek ongoing funding for the program during the 2023 legislative process.

These rules were approved by the HECC for temporary adoption at the Commission meeting held April 14, 2022. There have been no proposed changes since their temporary adoption. The proposed action is to approve permanent adoption of the rules.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approving the permanent rules as drafted.