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RULE SUMMARY: This amendment implements provisions of Senate Bill 1032, passed by the 2017 Legislative Assembly, which permits the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (the Commission) to limit, via administrative rule, the number of new students eligible for an Oregon Promise grant in order to operate the program within available moneys. Given the current budget constraints for the program, this permanent rule is necessary to allow the Commission to control costs and limit grant eligibility in specific ways as described in the rule; for example, based upon an applicant's family contribution.

CHANGES TO RULE:

575-039-0080

Prioritization of Grant Recipients ¶¶

(1) The Commission may prescribe the priority by which grants are awarded, which allows for preference to be given to persons enrolled in school districts or high schools that meet specified criteria as determined by the Commission.¶¶

(2) Prior to the start of the fall term of each academic year, the Commission shall determine whether there are sufficient moneys to award a grant to each person who meets the eligibility criteria described in OAR 575-039-0020. On the basis of this determination, the Commission may limit eligibility to receive a grant to a person whose family contribution, is at or below the level the Commission determines is necessary to allow the Commission to operate the Oregon Promise program with available moneys. In setting a limitation on eligibility and setting eligibility limits, the Commission shall consider:¶¶

(a) The amount of funds allocated to the Oregon Promise program for the biennium;¶¶

(b) The estimated costs of awarding eligible students in prior-year cohorts who have not yet exceeded the program's 90-credit limit;¶¶

(c) The estimated costs of awarding new eligible applicants during both years of the biennium each academic year, assuming a liability of up to 90 credits, which may extend beyond two years;¶¶

(d) The anticipated tuition changes at the Oregon Community Colleges; and¶

(e) The sustainability of the program to accommodate current and future cohorts within the biennium.¶

(3) The Commission may reduce or eliminate any limitation on eligibility previously imposed by the Commission under (2) of this subsection.¶

(4) For purposes of this section, "family contribution" is the same as a student's Expected Family Contribution.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 341

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 341