



OREGON PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES'

2025-27

**CONSOLIDATED
FUNDING REQUEST**

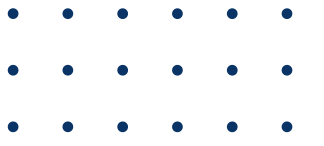


Supporting Success for Students, the State, and Public Universities

Oregon must aspire to set a national standard in public higher education funding, creating educational pathways that improve accessibility and affordability, yield greater student outcomes through academic and wraparound supports, and bridge vital workforce gaps.

Achieving this bold vision requires an initial commitment to reach the national average in public university funding, laying a solid foundation for a future marked by robust economic development, groundbreaking innovation, and an improved quality of life for every Oregonian.





Pillars of Our 2025-2027 Request

1

Access & Affordability

Resources to keep tuition increases minimal and maintain financial aid for underrepresented students.

2

Wraparound Services

Targeted investments to close gaps in retention and completion by supporting student basic needs.

3

Academic Success

Increasing degree attainment by expanding services and advising that support student success.

4

Workforce Connections

Enhancing academic programs and career services to strengthen student pathways to employment and fill critical workforce gaps.



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Preserve Access to the OOG for Oregon Students

An investment of **\$124 million above the 2023-2025 appropriation** in the Oregon Opportunity Grant is urgently needed to preserve student awards up to the new \$8,000 Student Aid Index threshold. This funding is essential to protect Oregon's lowest-income students from seeing a drop in their award amounts and to safeguard grant aid for lower-income students.





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Wraparound Services and Academic Success



Academic Advising



Tutoring



Student Success Services



Mental Health Care
& Counseling



Housing Security



Tailored Services for
Traditionally
Underrepresented Students



Basic Needs Navigation
& Financial Literacy



Course Materials and
Essential Supplies



Veterans' Resources



Food Security



Access to Childcare



Transportation



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PUBLIC UNIVERSITY SUPPORT FUND

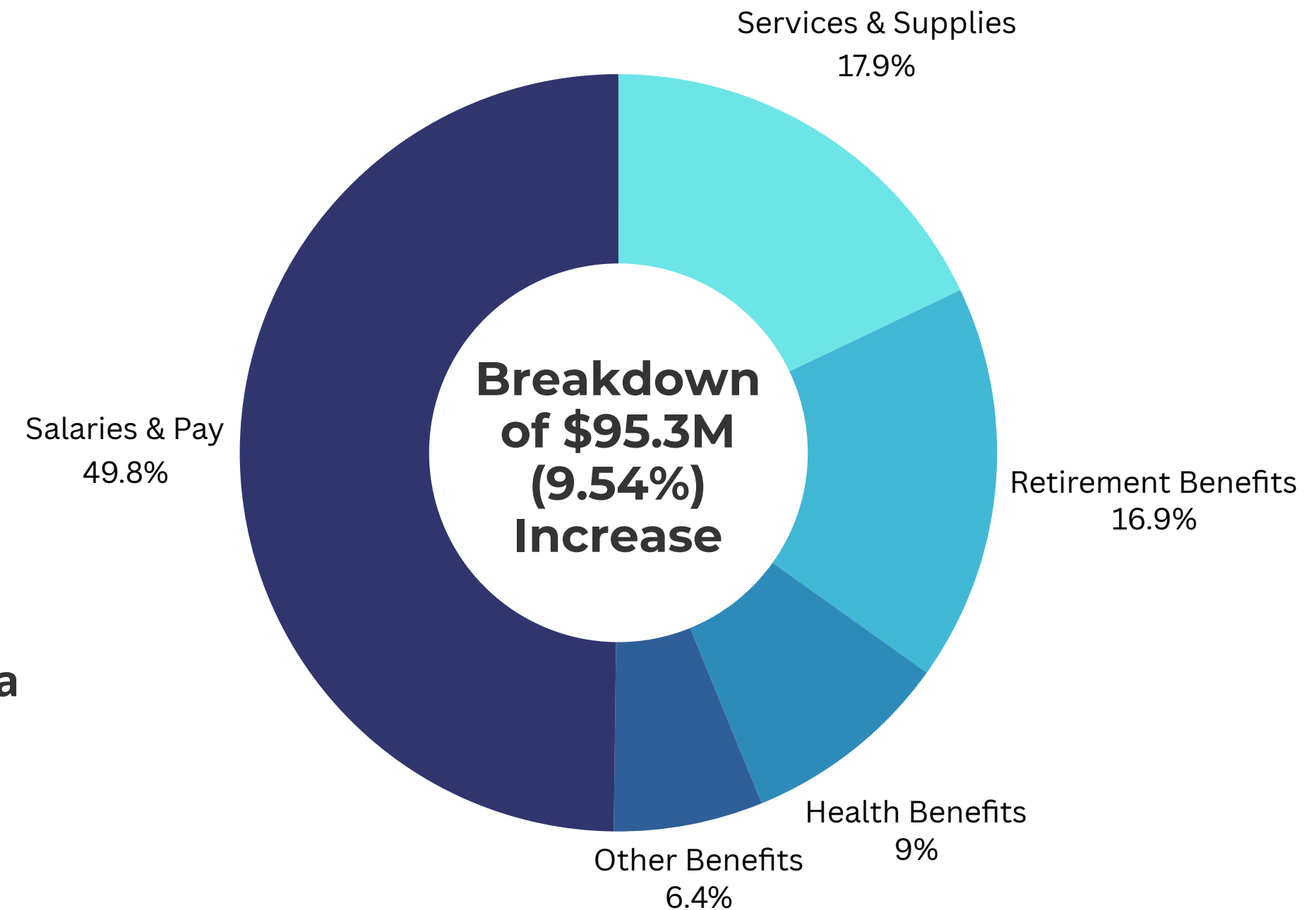


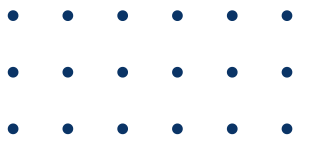
University Base Funding

University Base Funding is the estimated level of state funding required to maintain current programs and outcomes, factoring in projected cost increases including inflation, growth in health and retirement benefit rates, and collective bargaining agreements that invest in and retain faculty and staff.

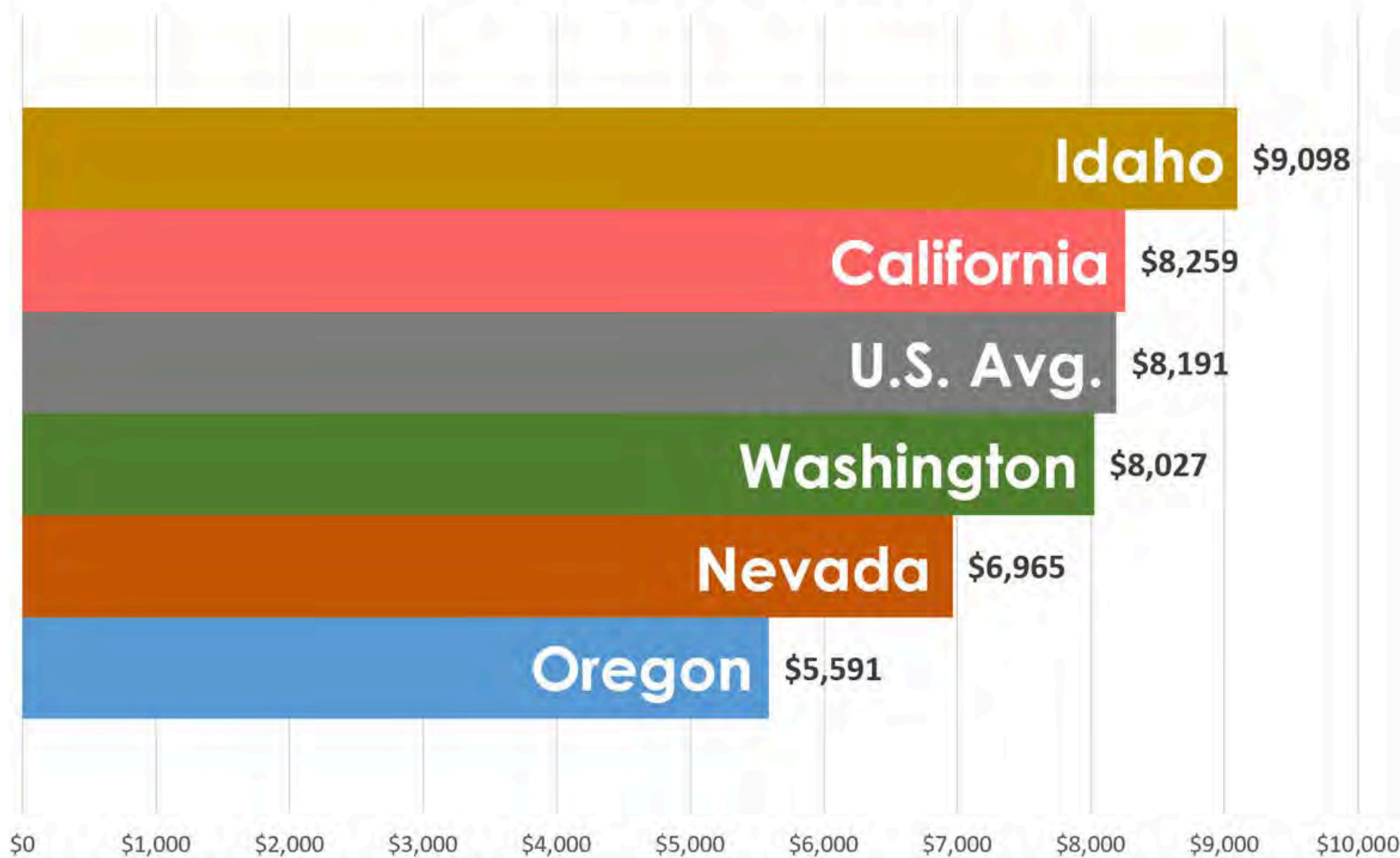
For the 2025-2027 biennium, University Base Funding for the PUSF is estimated at \$1,094 million, reflecting a 9.5% rise in operating expenses.

State funding below this level could force universities to make difficult budget decisions, and could impact student success and access to affordable education, particularly for lower-income and underrepresented students.

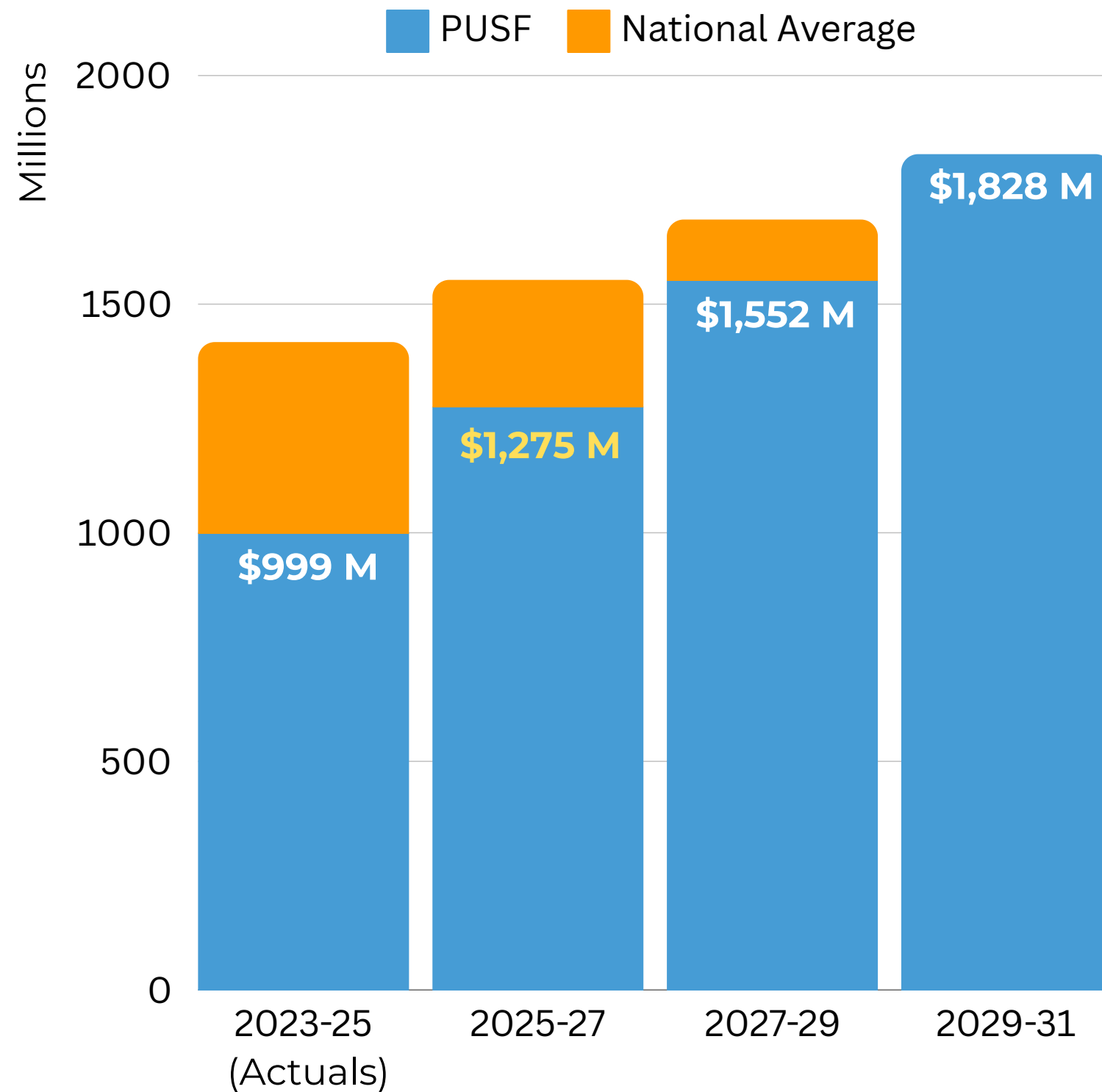
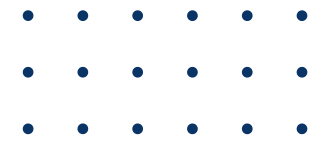




FY22 State Funding of Public University Operations
per Full-Time Equivalent Student



Oregon ranks far below average among states in state support for public universities and is last among all neighboring states.



Regaining Oregon's Competitiveness Over Time

Public universities are requesting a \$276 million increase to the PUSF in 2025-27 to support access and affordability, wraparound services, academic success, and workforce connections for students.



Workforce Connections

“ Oregon badly needs to invest, not just in workforce development, but also in workplace development; it needs to invest in activities that will create the jobs of the future. **The state's colleges and universities are the engines that will fuel such developments.**

- Oregon Higher Education
Landscape Study, NCHEMS (2022)

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Policy Option Package Requests



Early Care & Education

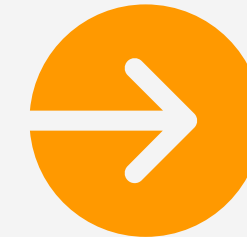
\$15M to bolster Oregon's ECE workforce through enhanced university degree programs and campus ECE centers, addressing the critical shortage in accessible, quality childcare and education.



Behavioral Health

\$17.92M investment in a Higher Education Behavioral Health Workforce Expansion Buildout (HEBHWEB), designed to expand the training of behavioral health clinicians at public universities and community colleges

This initiative aims to address Oregon's critical shortage of mental health professionals, expected to widen further by 2035.



Program Continuation

\$9.9 million to sustain funding for several state-serving programs where ongoing legislative funding intentions were unclear:

- Cybersecurity Center of Excellence
- Wildfire Hazard Mapping
- Agricultural Water Technical Assistance
- State Climatologist
- Juniper Removal



State Services

Oregon Public Universities support the state through targeted research, public service, and economic development funded by the state.

Universities are requesting that State Programs and Statewide Public Service Programs be funded at the University Base Funding level outlined in their 2025-27 Consolidated Funding Request.



State Programs

17 Research and Public Service Programs Across Oregon's Public Universities



Statewide Public Service Programs

(Oregon State University)

1. Extension Service (including Outdoor School)
2. Agricultural Experiment Station
3. Forest Research Laboratory





Summary of 2025-27 Requests

PUSF

\$1.275 billion

OOG

\$432 million

**Sports
Lottery**

\$20 million

*Full 1%, per ORS 461.543
(Lottery Funds)*

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THANK YOU!

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