## House Bill 2642

Sponsored by Representative REARDON, Senators DEMBROW, OLSEN; Representatives ALONSO LEON, BOLES, BYNUM, DOHERTY, EVANS, GOMBERG, GORSEK, LEIF, MEEK, NOSSE, PILUSO, SALINAS, SPRENGER, WILSON, Senators HANSELL, HASS (Presession filed.)

## **SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.** 

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts for various purposes.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to state financial administration.

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Whereas community colleges are critical providers of career and technical education, workforce training and short-term certificates; and

Whereas community colleges serve as a bridge between high schools and a four-year degree; and Whereas community colleges provide GED programs and are major partners in offering college-level courses to high school students; and

Whereas community colleges serve the most underrepresented and first-generation students of any sector of Oregon post-secondary education; and

Whereas declining state support of community colleges has resulted in cuts to services to students even as they shoulder more of the cost burden through higher tuition; and

Whereas community colleges educate and train the skilled workforce that local businesses and job seekers need to thrive; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$647 million for deposit into the Community College Support Fund established under ORS 341.620 for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$70 million for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts for expenditures intended to increase the number of graduates from post-secondary career and technical education programs.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$70 million for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts for expenditures related to:

- (1) Programs related to student success; and
- (2) Programs related to retention of first-generation college students and students from underrepresented minority populations.

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