

CHAPTER 51

AN ACT

HB 4116

Relating to assistance for community college students; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall jointly establish a grant program for the purpose of distributing moneys to community colleges to increase the number of underserved, low-income and first-generation college-bound students who enroll in community college and make progress toward a degree or a certificate.

(2) Moneys distributed under subsection (1) of this section may be used by a community college for services that are designed to increase student enrollment, retention and degree and certificate completion, including counseling programs, college initiatives, advising services and assistance in obtaining financial aid.

(3) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section, including rules that set standards for awarding grants. The standards shall give priority to community colleges that have student enrollment, retention and degree and certificate completion programs with demonstrated support from the private sector, the community and local government.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$750,000, which may be expended for the grant program established in section 1 of this 2014 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2014 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2014 Act takes effect on its passage.

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