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## **SENATOR BILL HANSELL**

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### **Sen. Hansell Secures Funding For Critical BMCC Program**

ATHENA, Ore. – Today the Senate passed a budget reconciliation bill that included funding for Blue Mountain Community College’s (BMCC) Corrections Education Program, a partnership with the Department of Corrections to give incarcerated individuals job training and education.

As part of House Bill 5042, BMCC will receive \$542,033 to sustain the program.

Senator Hansell (R-Athena) released the following statement:

“BMCC is doing fantastic work to help those in our correctional institutions gain the life skills they need to reduce recidivism and transition back into the workforce. BMCC is a value to our community and this is yet another example of an important program they provide. Working with Senator Michael Dembrow (D-Portland), I am very pleased to have secured funding for their Corrections Education Program.”

HB 5042 passed the Senate on a 23-5 vote and now heads to the Governor’s desk for her signature.

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