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## **Sen. Jeff Kruse**

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### **Kruse fights for student safety at Umpqua Community College**

SALEM, Ore.-Republican state Sen. Jeff Kruse, of Roseburg, is spearheading an effort to increase public safety at Umpqua Community College (UCC).

"Students and the UCC community deserve this critical step to help improve safety on campus," said Kruse. "My heart is with the UCC community."

On October 1, 2015, a student at Umpqua Community College opened fire in a classroom, killing nine people and then himself. Funds were appropriated to the college to pay for cleanup of the building where the events occurred, as well as increased security.

[Senate Bill 653](#) will provide for three full-time security patrol staff as well as one network systems security specialist. Under the bill \$504,300 is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Umpqua Community College. SB 653 requires the distribution be used for security patrols and an information technology network security specialist. The full text of the bill as introduced can be viewed [here](#).

"Maintaining a sense safety on campus is critical to the learning environment. It is especially important in the aftermath of this type of event, while the campus and the community are still in the process of healing and rebuilding, that reassurance of a safe space for learning is reinforced and supported," Oregon Community College Association Deputy Director John Wykoff [said](#) in

testimony.

You can read Umpqua Community College's recovery request [here](#) and their legislative request update [here](#).

You can watch the public hearing on SB 653 [here](#).

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