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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 3182
Committee: House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3182

I OPPOSE [HB 3182]. Shutter, "The Higher Education Coordinating Commission." Save Taxpayer's money.

From the TEXT of [HB 3182], "... SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section: (a) "Basic needs programming" means programming, services and supports provided to students for assistance in meeting certain basic needs, including food, housing, transportation, textbooks or other related needs, as determined by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission..."

...SECTION 3. (1) The Task Force on Student Housing is established. (14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties...

... SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, to fund the grant program described in section 1 of this 2025 Act..."

... SECTION 6. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall award grants to nonprofit organizations that provide affordable housing support to low-income students in higher education in this state...

... SECTION 8. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$6,500,000, for purposes of section 6 of this 2025 Act..."

***[\$16,500,000] from the GENERAL FUND to support the quixotic whims of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and their sycophantic apparatchiks will not solve Oregon's severe indebtedness.

***Oregon cannot support another 'Welfare state' supporting Higher Education.

***Place [HB 3182] on the next Ballot and let the Taxpayers decide the merits of [HB 3182] and whether or not they want to pay for it.

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Mr. Oregon Concurs and says, "I sure don't want to pay for [HB 3182].".