

RESOLUTION NO. 678

Support of OCCA Legislative Priorities

WHEREAS, community colleges are the only sector of public post-secondary education that serve all students regardless of education and skill level, including the largest number of underrepresented and first-generation students of any sector of Oregon post-secondary education, and

WHEREAS, reducing educational, economic and social inequities depend on having successful, student-ready community colleges across Oregon,

WHEREAS, community colleges are critical providers of Career and Technical Education, workforce training, and short-term certificates; educating and training the skilled workforce local businesses and job seekers alike need to thrive, and

WHEREAS, community colleges serve as a bridge between high schools and a 4-year degree, and provide GED programs and college level courses for high school students, and

WHEREAS, access to sufficient need-based financial aid is essential to narrowing inequitable gaps in educational attainment, and at minimum, doubling of the Oregon Opportunity Grant would expand access to post-secondary education training to students coming from high school as well as working adults, and

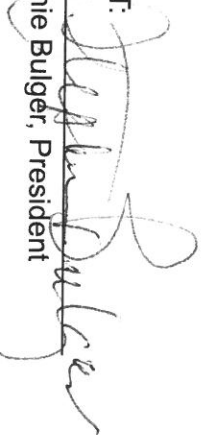
WHEREAS, there are acute workforce shortages in healthcare across the state, and especially in nursing, and applied baccalaureate degrees are an essential tool and access point for students to continue their health care training, and

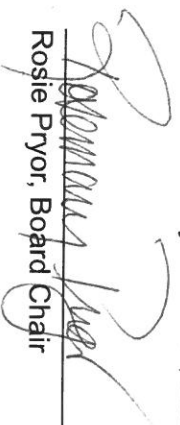
WHEREAS, further legislation is required to clarify that colleges may offer Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Lane Community College Board of Education supports the Oregon Community College legislative priorities of \$855 million in ongoing funding and \$50 million in one time funding for the Community College Support Fund, a minimum increase of \$200 million for the Oregon Opportunity grant, and legislation clarifying that colleges may offer Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees.

ADOPTED by the Lane Community College Board of Education this 1st day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:


Stephanie Bulger, President


Rosie Pryor, Board Chair