COIN Legislative Session Worksheet for 2024

Bill Number: **HB 4162**

Brief Description of Bill (maximum 100 words): **Appropriates funds to be distributed as grants to public universities and colleges and community colleges to support basic needs programs at the school and to help students apply for and obtain assistance from benefits programs. https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Measures/Overview/HB4162**

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1. Research topic – choose which category best fits your bill:

☐ Climate, Energy Environment	☐ Housing/Houselessness
☐ Campaign Finance Reform	☐ Immigration/Social Justice
☐ Healthcare/Gun Safety	☒ Education
☐ Transportation	☐ Economics
☐ Criminal Justice	☐ Other describe:

2. The bill's Legislative champions – Chief Sponsors: **Rep. John Lively, House Interim Committee on Higher Education**
Regular Sponsors: Click or tap here to enter text.

3. The bill's legislative opponents: Click or tap here to enter text.

4. What advocacy groups are supporting this bill and why are they supporting it? Provide contact information if available. (maximum 200 words) **Oregon Student Association see this bill as important to help low income students pay for textbooks, housing, transportation, health care and their living expenses.**

"Financial aid programs and scholarships designed for low-income students fail to cover the bulk of their needs and do not reach the costs associated with attendance, such as food, housing, textbooks, transportation, etc." This is from Nick Keough, Legislative Director of Oregon Student Association. He describes the situation as "pretty dire …, especially coming out of the pandemic."

5. What groups are opposing this bill and why are they opposing it? (maximum 200 words) Click or tap here to enter text.

6. Reasons COIN should take a position on this bill. Choose all that apply:
☐**Progressive groups across the state care strongly about this.**

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☒This Bill protects or expands the rights of marginalized populations.
☐This bill helps change the structures of the democratic system to make it work better.
☐This issue is controlled by the state or states have a great deal of power in it.
☐Other

7. What is the likelihood this bill will pass? Click or tap here to enter text.

8. List the relevant dates concerning the bill(s)-(scheduled committee hearings, votes, lobby days, other scheduled advocacy, phone banks, post card parties, etc). Click or tap here to enter text.

9. Please list any specific advocacy action you would like COIN to help with, any media contacts that may be helpful or any other important information? Click or tap here to enter text.