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### **Key Points on Ways and Means Co-Chairs Budget**

The Budget framework released by the Ways and Means Co-Chairs cuts the overall Oregon general fund budget by 5 percent and makes it clear that there is insufficient state revenue to support Oregon students from cradle to career.

In the Ways and Means Co-chairs framework, community colleges received \$590.6 million in funding. This is well below the \$647 million community colleges need to maintain current service levels and keep tuition increases to 3.5 percent or less statewide.

At the co-chairs funding level, community colleges would need to fill a roughly \$56 million statewide funding gap requiring significant program and service cuts coupled with tuition increases, that at many colleges, would reach into double digits.

Without additional revenue to fund critical state services, Oregon's community college students will keep paying more for less.

With new resources, in addition to keeping tuition increases to 3.5 percent or below statewide, colleges will double the number of annual career and technical education (CTE) graduates and expand wrap-around services to thousands of first-generation and under-represented students.