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Schools prepare for budget cuts

■ **FUNDS:** Measure 47 leaves community colleges unable to raise funds with local bonds or tuition increases

The Associated Press

PORTLAND — All but one of Oregon's 17 community colleges are weighing cutbacks as they brace for budget cuts related to Oregon's new property tax law.

Portland Community College, the state's largest, with 35,000 students, announced plans Friday to cut \$2.9 million from its \$87 million annual budget.

Most of the cuts would be in administration and support services, largely sparing classrooms. Still, 44 of 1,014 jobs face elimination, most through layoffs.

Only Roseburg's Umpqua community college, with 2,900 students, remained upbeat.

"We battened down the hatches long ago," said spokeswoman Sonia Wright.

Portland Community College

President Dan Moriarty described his proposed cuts as a best case scenario.

"This assumes the governor's budget makes it through the gantlet, and I'm not sure that will happen," he said. "There are a lot of ifs out there."

Gov. John Kitzhaber's proposed budget replaces the \$36 million in property taxes that community colleges could lose under Measure 47. The colleges are planning for cuts because the new law also prohibits schools from using bonds to pay for maintenance and restricts their freedom to raise tuition.

"Some colleges are preparing fairly detailed plans if budget cuts come; others aren't looking at it in such detail yet," said Alan Contreras, spokesman for the Oregon Community College Association. "There are still loads of questions."

At Rogue Community College in Grants Pass, officials have taken steps so they could raise tu-

ition from \$35 a credit to as much as \$1,000. Measure 47 might legally block them from doing so, but officials say it's an option.

Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham expects at least \$1.2 million in cuts.

Clackamas Community College in Oregon City plans a bit of trimming, but a spokeswoman said jobs and academics won't be touched.

Moriarty of Portland Community College said his proposed cuts probably would have happened anyway, but Measure 47 forced the issue. Most of the cuts come by slashing administration — the office of the vice president for educational services is being eliminated, for example — or trimming around the edges, such as reducing campus mail service from twice to once daily.

Despite cuts, the college plans to add 10.5 full-time teaching positions next year.

Grant: Researchers hope students will not be used as learning guinea pigs

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lishers who create the materials and with the lawmakers who set the standards," said Edward J. Kameenui, NCITE associate director and University professor of special education.

NCITE researchers work with government agencies at the local, state and federal levels to improve the quality of textbooks and other educational tools. The center forms partnerships with teacher unions, research organizations, professional education associations and certifying agen-

cies to accomplish its objectives.

NCITE researchers also aid education officials in Virginia to set higher standards for testing material used to teach students. The research center works with officials in Washington, California and Texas to explore better ways to teach beginning reading.

The center, along with several private foundations, is planning a national meeting this fall on the role of educational research in establishing testing standards and accountability.

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