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Lane Community College is one of Oregon's 17 community colleges experiencing a lack of state funding.

Colleges face poor funding

Community colleges, competing with K-12 and University aid, take their woes to an emergency board

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State community colleges might have to cut their budgets if a request for more state funding to cover higher enrollment is not approved by the Legislature Emergency Funding board.

Representatives from Oregon's 17 community colleges came before the emergency board with a request for a \$16 million increase in their budget to cover a 4-percent growth in enrollment. After the request was made, the board chose to defer its decision until June.

Lane Community College President Jerry Moskus said the financial situation for his school, and the rest of the state's community

colleges, is precarious.

"We're suffering from a lack of funds, and the emergency board could have helped us," he said.

Moskus said LCC had to cut \$1.6 million from this year's school budget. The school eliminated some programs from the adult high school, and the student day-care center was closed for a period before other funds could be found. LCC's budget is stable now, but Moskus said the school faces a \$3.5 million deficit next year. Unless the state provides additional funding, more cuts will have to be made, he said.

Community colleges are facing deficits, Moskus said, because the community college is the "middle child" of state schools that doesn't get the attention of its older and younger siblings: higher education and K-12.

Rep. Leslie Lewis, R-Newberg, the chairwoman of the education subcommittee for the emergency

board, explained why the board deferred until June. She said K-12 schools had a more immediate need for funding than community colleges, and some of the \$12 million that has been placed in reserve for K-12 schools may be opened up for community colleges if the K-12 schools don't need it.

Lewis also said the fundamental reason the emergency board had never previously raised funding for enrollment was because it is the responsibility of each school system's administrative board.

"To fund for enrollment growth would be a big policy change," she said.

Currently Oregon's three school system's budgets are provided by the state Legislature in lump sums that are determined by the current rate of inflation and the average cost of living. Each school system's administrative board then

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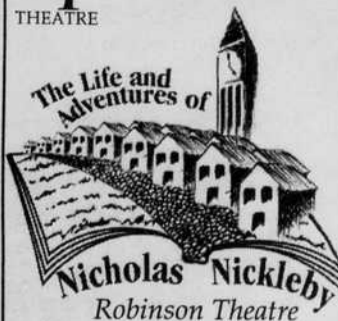
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