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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR

APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED

SCIENCE: RETAIL MANAGEMENT FOR PORTLAND

COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TILLAMOOK BAY

COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND COLUMBIA GORGE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT:

The proposed Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Retail Management is a statewide degree developed by the local advisory committee and the Oregon Retail Management Community College Consortium. The degree is an extension of the recently approved Certificate in Retail Management and the Career Pathway Certificate in Retail Sales and Service. The

objective of the statewide degree is to ensure transferability. The degree program represents the knowledge and skills identified by the retail industry as represented by the Western Association of Food Chains (WAFC), for retail employees and students who want to advance in the areas of retail store supervision, store management and move toward corporate leadership. The degree program is also recognized by retail employers other than the food industry as leading to professional growth and advancement opportunities. In addition to knowledge and skills needed for employment in retail

supervisory and management positions, the course of study addresses the role of technology and communication to enable individuals to be effective in the retail environment.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for an Associate of Applied Science degree in Retail Management for Portland Community College, Columbia Gorge Community College, and Tillamook Bay Community College