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APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATE IN OREGON GREEN TECHNICIAN FOR COLUMBIA GORGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TILLAMOOK BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT:

The proposed Certificate in Oregon Green Technician addresses a need for entry level employment in a variety of industries that are associated with or support green jobs. The Certificate is designed to meet the unique needs of rural Oregon, where companies tend to be smaller, many occupations have limited openings, and employers need workers who have basic technical skills which can transfer to different types of work and work settings as employer requirements and labor market demands shift. The 46 credit program is an approved Statewide Certificate. Columbia Gorge and Tillamook Bay Community Colleges will be joining a consortium of nine Community Colleges which will be offering the program. The Degrees and Certificates Committees of Columbia Gorge Community College, Tillamook Bay Community College and Portland Community College have reviewed and approved the certificate.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit an application to the Oregon State Board of Education for a Certificate in Oregon Green Technician for Columbia Gorge Community College and Tillamook Bay Community College.