

# PLEASE SUPPORT TUITION EQUITY IN OREGON! (SB 742)

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SB 742 is a bi-partisan piece of legislation that would make it possible for ALL Oregon Students, regardless of their documentation status, to be able to pay in-state tuition. Besides capitalizing on the investment in Oregon's K-12 students, SB 742 would boost the education level of Oregon's workforce and **bring in more tax dollars to the state's general fund**. These young adults want to live the American Dream which entails going to college, getting a job, and raising a family. **Please contact your state senator and representative and urge them to vote "yes" on SB 742!**

## Fast Facts:

1. Roughly 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high school every year in the U.S.
2. Due to financial and other barriers, only 5 to 10 percent of undocumented graduates are able to attend college, according to a 2007 report from The Urban Institute.
3. Tuition and fees are nearly three times higher for undocumented students---\$19,941 at the University of Oregon and \$21,500 at PSU---a financial barrier that prevents most from attending college.
4. Undocumented students cannot legally receive any federally funded student financial aid, including loans, grants, scholarships, and work-study programs.
5. Ten other states have passed similar legislation to SB 742 including California, Illinois, New York, Texas, Utah and Washington.

## Overview of SB 742:

SB 742 would allow undocumented Oregon students who have grown up here and have attended Oregon schools to pay in-state tuition if they:

- \* Have attended an Oregon high school for at least three years;
- \* Have graduated from an Oregon high school;
- \* Are accepted at an Oregon University System institution; and
- \* Are actively working toward U.S. citizenship.

Chief sponsors of SB 742 include Senators Nelson (R-Pendleton) and Morse (R-Albany), and Representatives Dembrow (D-Portland) and Johnson (R-Hood River). This bill has bi-partisan support in the Oregon state legislature.

## What do supporters say?

"The bottom line is that this bill is about removing costly, unfair barriers that prevent hardworking Oregonians from continuing their education and giving back to our state. We'll all benefit from that."

~Portland State University President Wim Wiewel

"This young lady who worked hard, her desire to go to a university was foreclosed on. Why would we foreclose opportunity for life improvement for this young lady...This is the right thing to raise the level of all society."

~Republican Senator Frank Morse

"We've already invested time and resources into these students in high school. Their dream of college has kept them going. They've taken the path we want all Oregonians to take but they've hit a roadblock that can be lifted with tuition equity."

~Democratic Representative Michael Dembrow

## Who Supports SB 742?

- Oregon Students Association
- Oregon Dreamers
- National Association of Social Workers, Oregon Chapter
- SEIU
- Oregon Education Association
- Center for Intercultural Organizing
- CAUSA
- American Federation of Teachers
- Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
- Presidents of PSU, Mount Hood Community College, OSU, and University of Oregon
- Oregonian Editorial Board