

House Joint Memorial 10

Sponsored by Representatives GELSER, HUNT

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges Congress to amend section 529 of Internal Revenue Code to allow accounts in qualified tuition programs to be used for repayment of student loans.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas access to higher education is a vital aspect of providing social and economic opportunities to millions of Americans; and

Whereas the Oregon 529 College Savings Network has assisted thousands of Oregon families and individuals in gaining access to higher education; and

Whereas recent economic and market conditions have adversely affected the value of Oregonians' 529 college savings accounts; and

Whereas such value may be regained over time; and

Whereas the federal 529 college savings rules prevent a deferral of higher education costs through student loans, creating an irrevocable loss of funds to families who access their accounts in qualified tuition programs in the near future; and

Whereas Congress has the opportunity to affect this statute so that affected account holders have more time and flexibility to recover lost value; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) The Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that:

(a) Amends section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code to allow accounts in qualified tuition programs to be used for repayment and security of student loans when the designated beneficiary is a student entering college between 2004 and 2012;

(b) Ensures that the current standards regarding qualified higher education expenses are applied to qualification of student loan repayment and security; and

(c) Makes these changes immediately applicable to accounts that are already open.

(2) A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the President of the United States, the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.