

ASUO Senate Resolution

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SUMMARY

Declares support for legislation pending before the Oregon Legislature regarding the issues commonly known as 'Tuition Equity'.

A BILL FOR RESOLUTION

Section I.

- **1.1** Whereas, The University of Oregon is the flagship public AAU post-secondary higher education institution in this state; and
- **1.2** Whereas, legislation regarding 'Tuition Equity' is pending before the Oregon Legislature, and will be voted on during the 2013 regular session; and
- **1.3** Whereas, Tuition equity legislation has been introduced before the Oregon Legislature without success on several occasions, despite widespread support from the higher education establishment, statewide student organizations and student governments, and other education advocacy groups; and
- **1.4** Whereas, Tuition equity legislation would direct the Oregon University System (OUS) to determine tuition and fee rates for

Oregonians who have graduated from and attended an Oregon school for at least 4 years, yet lack complete immigration documentation, equal to that of other instate residents; and

- **1.5** Whereas, Tuition equity is solely an issue of equitable access to education for all Oregonians; and
- **1.6** Whereas, Oregon is required by law to provide a K-12 education to everyone, regardless of documentation status; and
- **1.7** Whereas, Tuition equity would ensure the investment made in students during K-12 would not be wasted by ensuring all Oregon high school graduates have the opportunity to attend Oregon universities at the same rate; and
- **1.8** Whereas, Out-of-state tuition at OUS institutions is as much as three times the cost of in-state tuition; and
- **1.9** Whereas, The cost of out-of-state tuition presents a significant barrier to many Oregonians being able to attend college; and
- **1.10** Whereas, The University of Oregon must always stand against institutional inequality and barriers at all levels of education for every Oregonian and every human being.

Section II.

- **2.1** Be it resolved that the ASUO Senate officially supports passage of legislation regarding tuition equity, which would give undocumented Oregonians in-state tuition rate eligibility at OUS institutions.