



SR-72.01
Tuition Equity Resolution

WHEREAS: Students who attended and graduated from Oregon's K-12 educational system are not currently guaranteed resident student tuition to Oregon's public universities;

WHEREAS: All Oregon students, and the Oregon economy, will benefit from a more impartial post-secondary education system;

WHEREAS: Tuition Equity guarantees all high school graduates in Oregon, regardless of documentation status, eligibility for resident student tuition at all seven public universities in Oregon;

WHEREAS: Undocumented high school graduates in Oregon, regardless of Oregon residency, are not currently eligible for resident student tuition in Oregon's public universities;

WHEREAS: There are approximately 2 million children born outside the US that have been raised and educated in the United States who have no legal status;

WHEREAS: Fourteen other states including Washington, California, Colorado, Texas, Illinois, and New York have implemented Tuition Equity, leaving Oregon to be the only west coast state without similar legislation;

WHEREAS: Paying out of state tuition after graduating from an Oregon high school prices Oregon students unfairly out of a college education;

WHEREAS: Out of state tuition is between two and three times higher than resident state tuition;

WHEREAS: Passing Tuition Equity will not increase costs of the Oregon University System;

WHEREAS: Studies of Tuition Equity show that allowing undocumented students to pay resident student tuition actually generates revenue for a state;

WHEREAS: According to The Oregon University System's fiscal impact report, the OUS stands to make an estimated \$943,467 in extra tuition from 2013 to 2015;

WHEREAS: The Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan, Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural

Center and the Japanese Student Association support the passage of this resolution;

WHEREAS: Oregon State University President Edward Ray, through his commitment of increasing access of higher education to all people in the state of Oregon, supports the passage of Tuition Equity in the 2013 Oregon Legislative Session;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

ASOSU supports the passage of Tuition Equity by the 2013 Oregon State Legislature

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

ASOSU will be actively committed to supporting and advocating for the passage of Tuition Equity in the 2013 Legislative Session

Sponsored by:

Thomas Bancroft, Senator

Tyler Morrison, Undergraduate Representative

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Jacob Drew Vandever, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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