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Chair Dembrow and members of the House Higher Education Committee,

Improving access to post-secondary education is a key pillar in OBA's strategic plan. OBA supports moving Oregon toward the 40-40-20 goal through pursuit of a fundamental redesign of the education system. In order to achieve this, funding models must be redesigned to encourage innovation and improved outcomes, including an overhaul of funding for post-secondary education to ensure degree attainment consistent with our 40-40-20 goals.

Oregon's college students are paying more, borrowing more and working longer hours for their educations than ever before.

The cost of tuition is the biggest barrier to Oregonians who want to attend college. Add to that, OUS estimates tuition increases of 6% a year at the co-chairs proposed funding level for 2013-2015. Improving access to higher education through improved funding models will ensure Oregon is on a strong economic footing with an educated workforce that can draw employers to the region.

While OBA has not had time to formally review this proposal, we commend the authors for seeking creative solutions to push our educational goals of increasing access to a post-secondary education for all Oregonians in line with our goal of 40-40-20.

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