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Letter to the editor: Oregonians should be concerned about tuition bill

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Oregonians looking at the future cost of attending, furthermore, funding Oregon's public four-year colleges and universities should be concerned about State Representative Bob Jenson's support of legislation (House Bill 2787) that would grant in-state tuition for **international students illegally in the country**.

Crunching some numbers from Oregon State University (OSU), for years 2012-2013, the estimated undergraduate tuition and fees (15 credits per term) for an Oregon resident is \$8,139 per year, while an international student is \$22,323 per year.

Under HB 2787, OSU would be required to cut individual tuition and fees costs for **illegal international students** attending the university by \$14,184 per year.

The result of the legislation becoming law, OSU would lose over a four-year period for every **illegal international student** attending the university \$56,736.

Rep. Jenson's support of instate tuition for **illegal international students** reveals a state legislator lacking a sense of fiduciary responsibility to his voting constituents, moreover, the state's higher education system.

Oregonians' should contact Rep. Jenson (Rep.BobJenson@state.or.us) and ask him the following question: Representative, who is going to make up the tuition shortfall at Oregon's public four-year colleges and universities if instate tuition for **international students illegally in the country** becomes law?

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