

To the Members of the Committee of Higher Education and Workforce Development

No one wants to punish illegal alien students because of the actions of their parents, but I wonder if HB 2787 will punish taxpayers instead.

Each in-state American college student represents about \$20,000 in deficit spending for each \$7,000 annual tuition he pays. Yet, Rep. Denbrow's office claims that undocumented Oregonians won't create the same \$20,000 deficit, just pure profit. The Effect on Expenditure Report says so.

A staffer from Rep. Denbrow's office told me that each "undocumented Oregonian's" tuition money would enrich a college that wouldn't have had it otherwise, meaning he's a money-maker, as long as the college doesn't need more classrooms or teachers. How do American students create a deficit while illegally present students represent pure profit? You can't have it both ways. But as a business person, I'm unimpressed with the creative explanations of the Legislative Fiscal Office. Also, I don't trust the claims from politicians who can raise my taxes or my kid's tuition to cover debt they create, intentional or not. I don't even know if you will examine the tax records of the parents to see if they've paid into our system.

If you're going to pass HB 2787, what will you do for citizens in return to stop luring illegal aliens to Oregon in the first place? You have refused almost every opportunity to end magnets in the past, with the exception of stopping drivers licenses.

The state never passed an E-Verify bill or stopped employers from deducting illegal labor as a business expense, a practice that undercuts honest employers. Oregon didn't even pass the bill that would have sent non-violent criminal aliens home early, thus cutting prison costs.

Instead, you have protected illegal immigration as if it's the role of citizens to tolerate corruption and lawlessness, and to ignore our representational dilution. For instance, supporters of HB 2787 were given unlimited time to speak while opponents were given only a token opportunity of twenty minutes at the hearing.

If taxpayers must assume liability for this bill I want assurance that you will resurrect the other bills that will prevent more of the same problems in the future. Representative Dembrow claims that ending magnets is strictly a federal responsibility, but Oregon's failure to stop magnets at the state level when it could have mirrored federal failure. The state's habit of placating illegal aliens and their employers but not citizens, indicates highly selective compassion. You can't reward lawlessness indefinitely without our rule of law or our taxpayers collapsing. I urge you to bring back the state E-Verify bill, end labor write-offs, and pass the early removal bill as a sign that you want to protect the value of citizenship while assisting the students.

Sincerely,

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