

Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Don Poole. I live in Salem.

I am appalled by the lack of fiscal responsibility by Oregon legislators. It seems you just do not understand. This bill, HB 2787, shows how much Oregon's dire financial problems are being ignored. This is totally irresponsible and not acceptable.

According to the Pew Hispanic Center's estimate, there are over 150,000 illegal immigrants living in Oregon. Tax monies are already being used to cover their education, medical care and other social services intended for legal Oregon residents. This leaves a big deficit when funding other necessary items such as education of legal students and law enforcement. The disregard for the law by illegal immigrants is a common problem and it is made even more evident by stealing their way into this country in the first place.

Do we now fund their college education, too? Would we be allowed to get reduced tuition in Mexico or any other country? Are we going to reduce the tuition for illegal immigrants to the detriment of legal residents, students from Idaho or California, for instance?

If this bill passes and illegal aliens would be given in-state college tuition and eventually get a degree, he or she would not be able to use his or her degree to get a job ... since it is against federal law for an illegal immigrant to work in the US. I do not want MY tax monies or my children's future tax monies to have to pay for this.

I hope you do not pass this bill.

Again I am appalled by the lack of fiscal responsibility by Oregon legislators. It seems they just do not understand. Senate Bill 742, a bill giving ... yes, giving ... illegal immigrants in-state tuition at Oregon colleges, shows how much these legislators do not see that Oregon is having dire financial problems from their continued over-spending. This is totally irresponsible and not acceptable.

According to the Pew Hispanic Center's estimate of 150,000 to 175,000 illegal aliens living in Oregon, taxpayers here are already spending tax monies to cover their education, medical care and other social services intended for legal Oregon residents. The disregard for the law by illegal immigrants is common and evident in stealing their way into this country in the first place.

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