

HB 2787 Out-of-State tuition for illegal immigrants

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I was on the front page of the Objection List as was my friend, and neither one of us were given an opportunity to speak concerning HB2787. I strongly object to the Committee voting in favor of this Bill.

First, passing this Bill is illegal. A Federal Law prohibits such action. Since when can we legally overstep our boundaries and take any action contrary to this Law. 37 States have not taken this step!

Question: Why can't we wait until Congress takes further action on this issue? Passing the Bill now would only set us up for law suits based on the illegality of such a move. What about our present o-ut-of-State students who are already paying out-of-State tuition and are United States citizens? Another set of law suits if HB2787 is passed. WHERE IS THE FAIRNESS OF THIS SITUATION?

Secondly, passing HB2787 will only put a further tax burden on Oregon taxpayers! Our Salem taxes continue to raise each year while our property/house value is decreasing. The steadily increase in illegal student population has resulted in more staff and buildings. And who is paying for all of this? YOU AND ME. Passing this Bill will only bring more pressure on Oregonians who are already saddled economically. In addition, Oregonians are paying for a 12 year public school education for illegal student. And this is being done when our economy is in bad shape and the job market is hurting. We already have a number of homeowners in our area that are being forced to sell because of these economic times.

The Governor has come out with his two-year budget which is supposedly going to take care of the passage of HB2787. But where is the money going to come from? YOU AND ME AND OTHER TAXPAYERS. Certainly not the illegal ot families who are on government subsistencies and not paying taxes or very few taxes.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on HB2787. If you would poll the legal citizens of Oregon concernly this Bill, I think you would find that the majority of citizens are also strongly opposed to this Bill for the above and other reasons. I, and others, strongly feel that you are breaking a Federal Law and are not representing the best interest of Oregoniansif you pass HB2787.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

