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Vote No on HB 3472 A - Engrossed

This bill directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Oregon Student Access Commission, Oregon University System and Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to propose Pay Forward, Pay Back pilot program to replace current system of tuition and fees required to attend institution of higher education.

This bill , as written, does not indicate that the total amount of the loan will be repaid. Also, consider part 3(b) above: (b)" Provide that, in lieu of paying tuition or fees, students must sign binding contracts to pay to the State of Oregon or the institution a certain percentage of the student's annual adjusted gross income upon graduation from the institution for a specified number of years." This implies that the students' repayment schedule may be based on his/her ability to pay down the loan based on income.

Based on the number of students who work for non-profits and on the number who do not find high paying jobs, the return on the loan may negatively impact the program's ability to sustain itself. It is a poorly written bill and it leaves the door open for abuse.

The bill will require a great deal more money from the taxpayers and it will certainly increase the bureaucracy necessary to oversee this program. If this program should result in financial shortfall Oregon taxpayers would have to pay the loss.

This bill creates more government and it goes against the principles of limited government. Loan programs through private enterprise should be created to privately fund student loans for higher education. We had such programs before the current US administration took over those loans and placed them under government control. . Federal loan programs already exist to finance student loans.

Sincerely,  
Linda Eskridge