

# Oregon Citizens Lobby

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Oregon Citizens Lobby supports HB 2742 for the following reasons.

This bill Prohibits public universities from discriminating on admissions against students who do not have high school degrees or GEDs.

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## **Personal Choice**

Increases school choice a great deal. It allows students who are home schooled, or students who have already mastered much of what high school could teach them to complete their college education more cost effectively. It gives students and parents more options in schooling. This only makes sense, however, if the universities can test those students with entrance exams, SATs, ACT exams, or Advanced Placement exams. The universities should not be required to accept students who cannot do university work.

## **Fiscal Responsibility**

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## **Local Control**

This increases the control of the admissions at the level of the university admitting students. It thus increases localized control.

## **Free Markets**

This law would allow free market mechanisms for K-12 education more scope for action. It does not preclude private universities from admitting without high school completion or GEDs. Some private universities do admit non-high school graduates. Although not always an official policy, such admissions have become more common recently.

