

Northwest Career Colleges Federation Position Statement for SB 218

The Northwest Career Colleges Federation, a non-profit membership association committed to the advocacy of private career colleges and schools in Oregon, supports Senate Bill 218. This legislation directly addresses concerns voiced by our membership regarding the inequity that currently exists between fees paid by colleges and schools located within Oregon, and those based outside the state. Though the Federation realizes that increased expenditures are not always viewed favorably, our members acknowledge that reasonable costs are to be expected for services provided. Given that out of state schools receive comparable services to in-state schools, our membership believes those service costs should also be comparable to those paid by in-state schools. The Federation believes this legislation corrects the fee gap currently found in ORS 348.606 and supports the efforts of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission in resolving this discrepancy.