



OREGON STATE SENATE

Debt-Free Education Summary
(SB 81 -1)

Overview:

Requires tuition for qualifying courses offered at community colleges to be waived if a prospective student meets specific criteria.

Tuition Criteria:

1. Offered at a community college within the state, and
2. Required for a certificate or associates degree, as determined by HECC.

Student Qualifications:

1. Student must be a resident of the state for 12 months prior to beginning courses.
2. Must have graduated from an Oregon high school within two years from beginning date of waiver.
3. Has not previously earned more than 90 quarters hours at post-secondary institution
4. Student filed FAFSA and utilized all state/federal grants available to them.
5. The amount of tuition waived shall be the amount owed after subtracting all applicable state and federal grants. (*"last dollar in" method*)
6. Students will submit a \$50 co-pay per term.

Ongoing Requirements:

1. Student must maintain an average GPA of 2.5 or better for each term in which waiver is requested.
2. Student must participate in academic advising to help ensure degree achievement.

Financing Model:

Limited to Recent HS Graduates	Estimated Cost	Number of Students
Conservative Estimate	\$14,100,000	11,599
Moderate Estimate	\$16,300,000	15,706

* *"Assessing the Viability of a Program to Allow Certain Students to Attend Oregon Community Colleges Without Paying Tuition and Fees"* National Center for Higher Education Management Systems

Additional Notes:

1. A student is not required to be enrolled full-time.
2. HECC shall adopt necessary administration rules towards implementation.

