

June 8, 2015

To: The Education Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means

Re: Senate Bill 218

The Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities represents eighteen of Oregon's regionally accredited, nonprofit, private higher education institutions. Together, Alliance colleges and universities enroll more than 35,000 students and deliver approximately 30% of all baccalaureate degrees and higher awarded in Oregon.

The Alliance supports Senate Bill 218, an important factor in the overall plan to join with other states for approval of out-of-state on-line education programs. Several of our schools offer classes to non-Oregon residents and will benefit through enhanced efficiency of approval, application of high standards, and financial savings with an interstate reciprocity agreement (SARA). This bill allows for those out-of-state programs that are not part of the SARA to be charged separately by the HECC.

Sincerely,



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President