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Rep. GIALLEGIOS



American Association of University Professors

Academic Freedom for a Free Society

PLEASE VOTE YES ON HB 4021-A TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO OREGON'S GROWING STUDENT DEBT PROBLEM

On behalf of the more than 3000 members of the American Association of University Professors in Oregon, including members of our two collective bargaining chapters at Portland State University and the University of Oregon, we want to express our strong support for House Bill 4021-A.

Members of AAUP Oregon support student success across our state every day. We see what a difference higher education can make in a student's life and for his/her future. We are very concerned about the crisis in higher education funding and the growing levels of student debt our students are being forced to carry as a result. If those students were able to refinance their loans at better rates, through an Oregon solution, this would be a step in the right direction. This bill would ask the Treasurer, together with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, to conduct a study of the feasibility of such a program for our state.

This is a modest, but sensible first step that eventually could make a difference to many of our students and Oregonians throughout the state. We believe public higher education should be affordable and debt-free. We have a long way to go to make that vision a reality, but any immediate steps we can take to ease Oregonians' student debt burdens are worth taking.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON HB 4021-A AND HELP FIND SOLUTIONS FOR OREGONIANS MANAGING STUDENT DEBT