

**House Committee on Education  
Bill HB-2976 (opposition)**

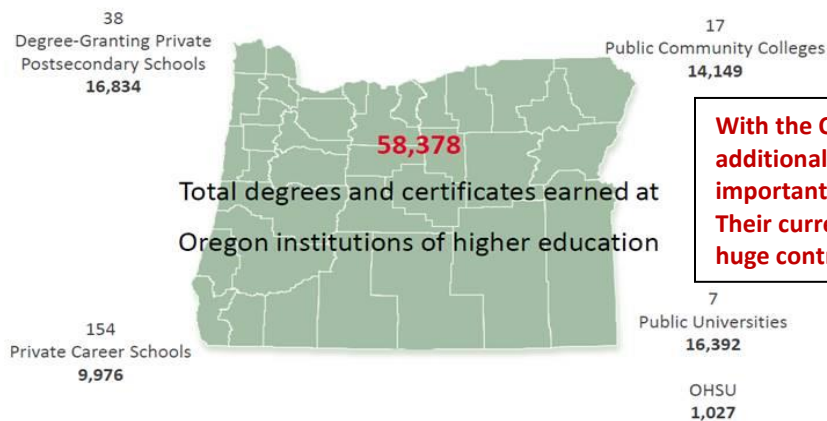
April 8, 2019

To: Chair Representative Margaret Doherty and Members of the House Committee on Education:

Let's consider the Real Facts:

1. **The initiative - 2976 (for the sake of veterans that might be abused in the future by schools like University of Phoenix) could have a significant effect on all students attending our Private Career Colleges (including the many "successful" Veterans).**
2. **We agree that students as well as Veterans need to be protected.**
3. The **large publicly-traded schools are all gone** . . . we are back to being "Vocational" schools with smaller census and more "Professional" Certifications. Most of the remaining Private Career Schools of Oregon have served the citizens of Oregon for over 25 years.
4. "Vocational" schools are the perfect delivery system for Veterans. We "teach" the way they "like to learn".

### Who is Served? Completions in 2017-2018



**With the Oregon Adult Attainment goal of an additional 300,000 credentials by 2030, it is important that we include Private Career Schools. Their current 10,000 + completions annually is a huge contribution. (17% of the total)**

6 Source: HECC analysis of student-level data from 17 community colleges, resident students in seven public universities, and 218 private institutions (out of 249 solicited). For public institutions, data include Oregon Transfer Module, one-to-two year certificates, associate/bachelor's/master's/doctoral degrees, post-doctoral and professional certificates. Completions for OHSU include 41 students whose degree is also recognized by Portland State University in a collaborative joint program.

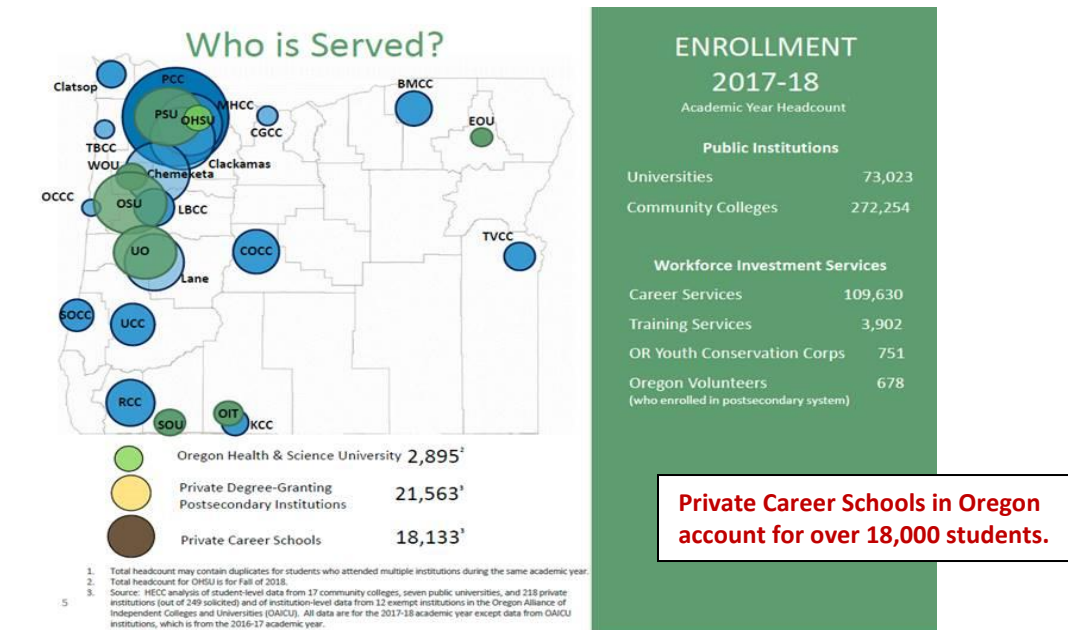


5. Private Career Schools **DO NOT Have a significant number of Veteran Students**
  - a. Institute of Technology = 2 Veterans plus 1 Rehab
  - b. Sumner College = 7 Veterans
  - c. Concorde Career College = 9 veterans

*The combined total active student population (above three Schools) is 966 students, 18 of which are using veteran's benefits. Our veteran population averages less than **2% of our total student***



*population . . . and they succeed! Passing 2976 could have a negative effect on all 966 students . . . including the 18 veterans.*



- If Private Career Colleges are gone, where will the state make up for the lost 10,000 completions (each year)? What will happen to the hundreds of employees and professionals currently employed at these schools? 18,000 students will be displaced each year.
- The Veterans that do attend Private Career Colleges . . . **Get In, Get Out, and Get a Job.** They do not like to waste time and are focused on outcome. They come to our schools because they could not succeed in the public school system.
- Adding Veterans to the 90% plus going to 80/20 is double jeopardy that most will not be able to recover from.

**BOTTOM LINE:**

If HB-2976 passes, some of the state's **most needy students will be forced to give up their dream** of completing their education. Our successful **veterans will not have an opportunity** to attend a school that teaches the way they learn. Some Private Career **Schools will go out of Business.** Let's not be the First State to eliminate an important sector of Education.

Let's rethink this approach to protecting Veterans. The Private Career Schools support our Veterans and think that it is a good vision to be the first to act on protecting them. But . . . let's not be the first state to eliminate a valuable contributing Sector of Post-Secondary Education.

Thank you for your consideration  
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