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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal  
and World Affairs

Measure: SB1577

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on this measure that further dilutes the representation of actual Oregonians. A voting constituency must have a common thread to be meaningful, and blurring the line of what it means to be a citizen of our state will compromise our autonomy as a state. Already many Oregonians do not feel represented (think rural issues driven by urban voters), and inviting non-citizens/residents to vote on Oregon issues will further compound the problem.

There are standards to be considered a 'resident' for the purposes of tuition payment. Those standards seem to reject the concept that a student (or even just an applicant) from out of state is, in fact a Citizen of the State of Oregon. Please let's not set a lower standard for voting eligibility.