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On Behalf Of:  
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I am writing to express my opposition to HB 2586, which proposes to permit asylum seekers who are students at public universities in Oregon or Oregon Health and Science University to receive exemptions from nonresident tuition and fees.

I believe that providing such exemptions may undermine the integrity of our higher education funding structures and place an additional financial burden on Oregon residents and taxpayers. Public universities are funded in part through tuition paid by students, and extending exemptions to certain groups could strain resources and potentially impact the quality of education and services for all students.

Furthermore, I am concerned that this legislation may set a precedent that complicates the equitable distribution of educational costs and benefits. It is essential that policies related to tuition and fees are fair, transparent, and consider the broader implications for the university system and state funding.

I urge policymakers to carefully evaluate the long-term effects of HB 2586 and to prioritize solutions that support all students without compromising the financial sustainability of our public higher education institutions.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully oppose HB 2586.