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Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber and members of the Senate Education Committee,

On behalf of The Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling (PNACAC), I write in support of SB 1538. PNACAC represents high school counselors and staff, college admission officers, and related professions who work with students as they explore and transition from high school to postsecondary education and training.

PNACAC strongly supports this bill prohibiting Oregon public schools from denying or limiting access to public education based on immigration or citizenship status. Immigrants and non-citizens deserve an education in Oregon which is equal to that of citizen residents.

It is imperative that we codify the educational rights of immigrant students, regardless of citizenship. This is not about politics, this is about the fact that every child deserves an education. Oregon's K-12 public education system should remain accessible to everyone living within the state. Every child, regardless of citizenship status, should be able to access welcoming, safe, and nurturing education.

We strongly urge your support of SB 1538 and appreciate your attention to this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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