



Media Statement

Representatives Have Our Back This Legislative Session

Legislators prioritize the prevention of double digit tuition increases that would price more students out of higher education in revenue proposal.

Speaker Kotek, Representative Nathanson, and Representative Barnhart proposed a revenue plan that would increase funding for education in Oregon. This would increase funding for higher education by \$250 million. This is a huge win for Oregon Students. The \$250 million would prevent devastating tuition increases, increase need based aid, and fund the Oregon Promise.

Students are hurting financially on multiple fronts from housing to textbooks to food. 68% of students in Oregon graduate with debt, where the average debt load per graduate is \$31,000. The rising cost of tuition continues to price students out of an education and is causing them to drown in debt. We cannot continue to balance the state budget on that backs of our most vulnerable students.

Thank you to Speaker Kotek, Representative Nathanson, and Representative Barnhart for hearing Oregon students and addressing our struggles. This is the budget that Oregon Students have been waiting for. After twenty plus years of disinvestment, this is a step in the right direction.

"Are we going to make another generation of students wait while the adults figure it out?" — Speaker Kotek

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