

Ask: Contact key legislators this week:

*“An investment in Pre-K and K12 programs is laudable but incomplete.
Please support funding for higher education.”*

- OR Legislature’s Joint Commission on Student Success (JCSS) - House Bill 2019
 - Proposes \$1 billion in Oregon’s public education system this biennium
 - NONE of the new investments would go toward supporting students after high school who want to continue their education
- Governor Brown request -- new funding for public universities and community colleges
 - For the UO, new investments in *Oregon Opportunity Grant* - more need-based financial aid for students.

Outreach to Oregon Legislature (*Time-Sensitive*)

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Call Script:

Introduce yourself, relationship to the UO, or city you live in.

Suggested Statement:

The Legislature has a once-in-decade opportunity to improve education in Oregon, but the current plan leaves college students behind.

College debt is higher than ever and Oregonians also need education and training beyond high school more than ever.

Please support efforts to include increased funding for the Oregon Opportunity Grant, the state's only need-based financial aid program in House Bill 2019, the Student Success Act.

Thank you.

Email Template:

Dear Senator/Rep: __*NAME*_____:

Legislators have a once-in-decade opportunity to invest in Oregon students and reform Oregon's tax system, but the current plan leaves college students behind.

By 2020, 65% of new jobs are expected to require education and training beyond high school. To provide Oregonians the opportunity, they need to thrive, and for businesses to help grow the economy, we need to support students from cradle to career.

Since Measure 5, Oregon students have seen tuition increases vastly outpace inflation while programs and services have been cut because state investment in our universities fell further behind. Student debt is higher than it's ever been.

I urge you to support including post-secondary education in House Bill 2019, which is before the Joint Student Success Committee.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

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