



Talking Points

Key Points

We support needed investments in K-12 education.

This could be a once-in-a-decade opportunity to invest in Oregon students and reform Oregon's tax system, but the JCSS plan leaves college students behind.

By 2020, 65 percent of new jobs are expected to require education and training beyond high school.

Oregon Tech provides a pathway to highly skilled well paid jobs.

The state's financial participation in Oregon Tech's funding has been far behind inflation, forcing large tuition increases that have a disproportionate impact on those students who most need our help.

The JCSS proposal does nothing to address the college debt crisis in Oregon. Oregon voters see college debt as an urgent, top-tier concern



Call Script

1. Use the link below to identify the legislators who represent you. Call only these legislators, and not those who represents other legislative districts.

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/findyourlegislator/leg-districts.html>

2. Introduce yourself and your relationship to the college or city you live in.
Examples:

A) I am Jane Smith and I am a student at Oregon Tech's X Campus.

B) I am John Brown and I am a resident of Wilsonville, Oregon.

3. Read the following statement:

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

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

Please support the Governor's call to include college students in the Student Success Act.

Thank you.



Sample Email Script

1. Use the link below to identify the legislators who represent you. Email only these legislators, and not those who represents other legislative districts.
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2. Send the following email:

Senator/Rep: :

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

[Provide a short example of how important Oregon Tech has helped you, your business or community]

I urge you to support Governor Kate Brown's call for including post-secondary education in the spending proposal before the Joint Student Success Committee.



Sample Written Testimony

[Inset College/Organization Address and Logo Here]

April [redacted], 2019

Co-Chair Roblan, Co-Chair Smith Warner, Co-Vice Chair Knopp, Co-Vice Chair Smith and Members of the Committee

Subject: Don't Leave College Students Behind in New Education Funding

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[Provide a short example of how important Oregon Tech has helped you, your business or community]

We urge you to support Governor Kate Brown's call for including post-secondary education in the spending proposal before this committee