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From the Desk of Representative Alonso Leon



Please Vote YES on SB 712 Student, Faculty, and Staff Voting Rights

SB 712 extends voting rights to the existing Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) positions for students, faculty, and non-faculty higher education staff and creates a long overdue position to extend much-needed representation to graduate students.

Why it's time to empower all voices on the HECC:

The HECC is the primary state entity tasked with providing a strategic vision for accessibility and affordability of higher education in Oregon. Right now, only 9 of the 14 members of the HECC have voting rights. Students, faculty, and staff representatives who provide crucial perspectives and experience do not have an equal voice in the commission's decisions about higher education policy, funding, oversight, and accountability.

An Outdated Structure



Can't Vote Yet:

- * One student at a public university
- * One faculty member at a public university
- * One student at a community college
- * One faculty member at a community college
- * One nonfaculty staff from a university or community college

Can Vote:

- * One member each from the five Congressional districts
- * Four members of the general public

SB 712 remedies this outdated structure and finally extends voting rights to the five current non-voting members of the HECC and creates a long overdue position for a graduate student.



Please Support Voting Rights on the HECC - Vote Aye on SB 712

