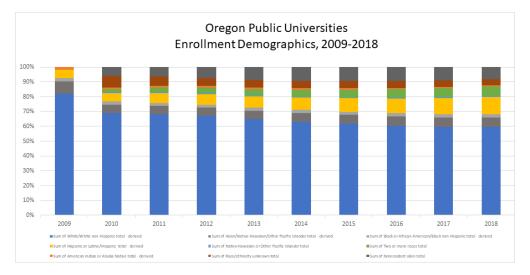


Oregon's Public Universities Support HB 2590

Oregon's public universities commit to inclusion of historically marginalized communities and those underrepresented in higher education. A diverse community of students and educators is foundational to a vibrant and well-rounded academic experience. Building an environment that supports justice, equity, diversity and inclusion is a priority on every campus. It vital that universities continue to build on work that is already underway. HB 2590 will help inform and improve these efforts.

The time to act is now. As the chart below demonstrates, Oregon's public universities are significantly more racially and ethnically diverse than they were one decade ago, and the transformation will continue.



The Student Voices bill offers a unique opportunity for Oregon legislators to work with post-secondary students, alumni, stakeholders, faculty and staff to gain a better understanding of the critical student supports already in place at universities and opportunities for expansion. Universities look forward to working with the committee to amend the bill to broaden voices and strengthen collaboration. The goals of the legislation match the goals of Oregon's seven public universities:

- Ensuring a safe, supportive campus culture that welcomes all students,
- Identifying best practices that promote equitable student success,
- Locating areas for improvement and opportunities to close current achievement gaps and strengthen outcomes for underrepresented students,
- Creating pipelines that diversify Oregon's workforce and promote successful careers, and
- Understanding the resources necessary to achieve these critical goals.