



Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

SB 669- Reinstating the R and D Credit-Oppose

Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Boquist, and members of the Committee

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition has spent years advocating for against many tax credits that are not needed for actions to occur. The Research and Development tax credit is a prime example.

We would argue that since the passage of ballot measures 5 and 47/50 state support of the university system has declined and tuition costs accelerated.

We need educated students who can become the employees of the companies the state wants. Oregon needs to put more resources into the higher education system. In the past two months I have heard news stories about faculty cuts at Southern Oregon University and Chemeketa Community College.

According to the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) Oregon is in the lowest quartile of spending on higher education per full time equivalent students. (Attached chart and graph)

Please do not pass this tax credit. The semi-conductor companies need an educated work force. They do not need state tax credits.

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