



Senate Committee on Education

HB 2649A

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Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Shane O'Brien, and I submit this testimony on behalf of Oregon Tech in support of House Bill 2649A. We are grateful to Representative Paul Evans for his commitment to strengthening international engagement in higher education.

House Bill 2649A enables Oregon's technical and regional universities to extend favorable tuition rates to international students participating in designated academic programs. By doing so, the bill enhances Oregon's universities to attract and engage with students from abroad who are interested in our institution's applied degree programs and industry-aligned research.

Therefore, this legislation reflects an intentional effort to promote academic collaboration and global cooperation. By making international study more accessible, Oregon's universities will be better positioned to build relationships with East Asian partners and collaborate on joint research initiatives to generate practical solutions and foster innovation across multiple disciplines.

For the above reasons, Oregon Tech respectfully requests the committee to support House Bill 2649A. Thank you for your continued support of public higher education in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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