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**REP. SAL ESQUIVEL OPPOSES BILL GRANTING IN-STATE TUITION  
TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS**

*Undocumented Students Should Be On Track to Citizenship First*

**SALEM, OR** –Rep. Sal Esquivel (R–Medford) today opposed HB 2787A to provide in-state tuition to undocumented immigrants. House Republicans offered an alternative version that would have allowed in-state tuition to qualified students on a legal path to American citizenship, but it was defeated on a party-line vote.

Rep. Esquivel, a first generation Mexican-American, spoke on the House Floor to share the story of his own father who came to America and worked for 14 years to learn English and earn his U.S. citizenship. Rep. Esquivel expressed concern that the legislation would offer preferential treatment to undocumented immigrants at the expense of United States citizens.

“If you’re born and raised in Idaho, you’d have to pay over \$100,000 to go to school here, but people who have been here three years get treated differently than a U.S. citizen. I find that disturbing,” Rep. Esquivel said.

Rep. Esquivel said HB 2787A only requires students to provide a “statement of intent that the student will seek to obtain citizenship,” but there’s no provision to follow-up on claims. He also questioned the financial impact of the legislation, since the bill’s fiscal analysis suggests that it could actually increase revenue for universities.

“If there is no fiscal on this, why don’t we allow people from out of state to come to Oregon and go to college with in-state tuition?” Rep. Esquivel asked.

Rep. Esquivel has been a member of the Oregon Legislature since 2003, representing Medford. Prior to joining the Legislature, he was a member of the Medford City Council for seven years. For more information, contact Rep. Sal Esquivel at [rep.salesquivel@state.or.us](mailto:rep.salesquivel@state.or.us) or 503-986-1406.